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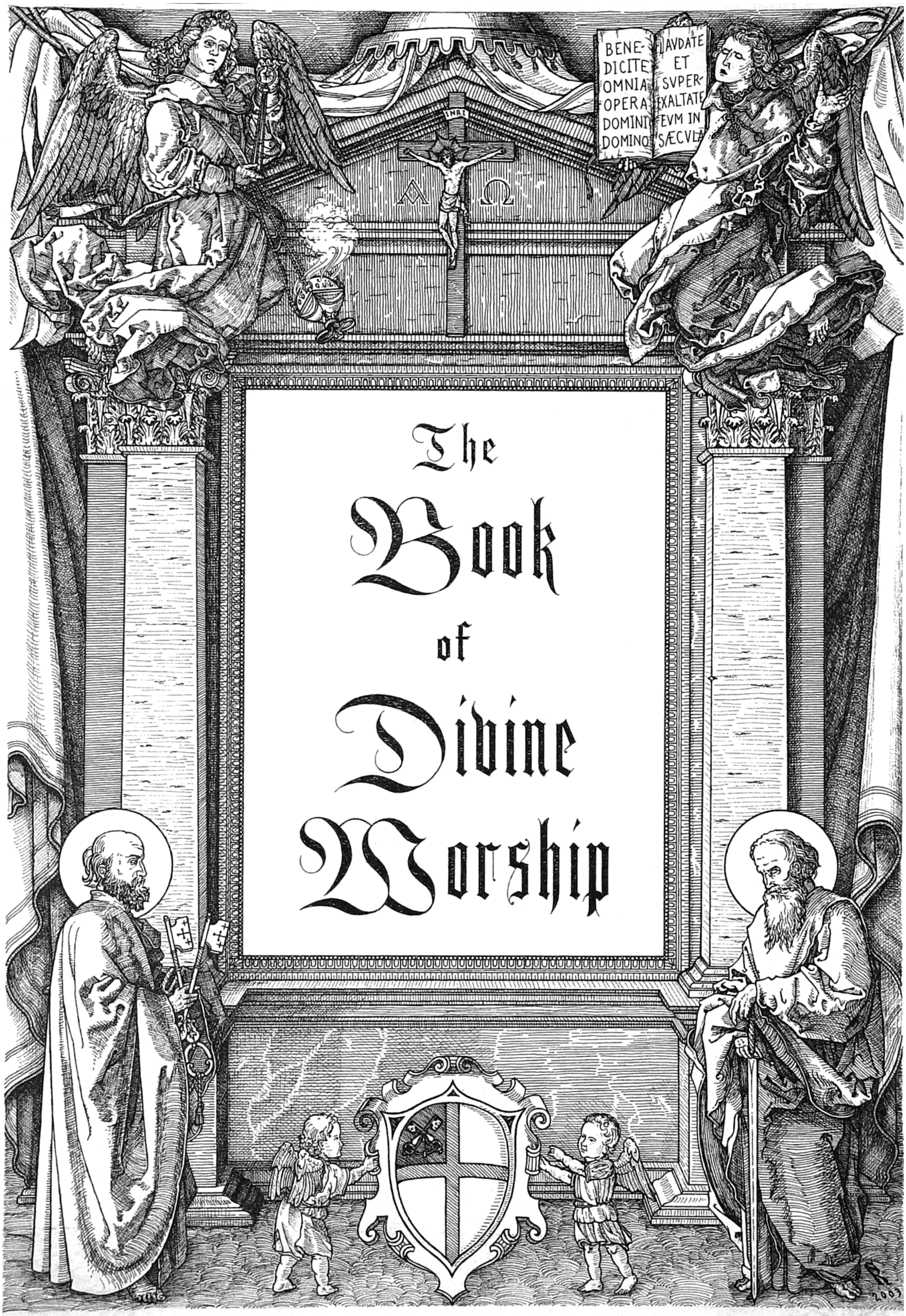
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THE CALENDAR OF THE CHURCH YEAR

PARTICULAR CALENDAR USED BY
ROMAN CATHOLICS OF THE ANGLICAN TRADITION
IN THE DIOCESES
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

January

1.	Octave of Christmas, **Mary, Mother of God**	Solemnity
2.	Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors	Memorial
3.	*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*	
4.	Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	Memorial
5.	John Neumann, Bishop	Memorial
6.	*Blessed André Bessette, Religious*	1
7.	*Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*	
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12.	Benedict Biscop, Abbot	Memorial
13.	*Hilary, Bishop and Doctor*	
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17.	Anthony, Abbot	Memorial
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20.	*Fabian, Pope and Martyr* *Sebastian, Martyr*	
21.	Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	Memorial
22.	*Vincent, Deacon and Martyr*	
23.		
24.	Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor	Memorial
25.	**Conversion of Paul, Apostle**	Feast
26.	Timothy and Titus, Bishops	Memorial
27.	*Angela Merici, Virgin*	
28.	Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor	Memorial
29.		
30.		
31.	John Bosco, Priest	Memorial

Sunday after January 6: **Baptism of Our Lord**	Feast
Sunday between Jan. 2 and 8: **Epiphany of the Lord**	Solemnity

February

1.		
2.	**Presentation of the Lord**	Feast
3.	*Blase, Bishop and Martyr*	
	Ansgar, Bishop	
4.		
5.	Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	Memorial
6.	Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	Memorial
7.		
8.	*Jerome Emiliani, Priest*	
	Josephine Bakhita, Virgin	
9.		
10.	Scholastica, Virgin	Memorial
11.	*Our Lady of Lourdes*	
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14.	Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop	Memorial
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17.	*Seven Founders of the Order of Servites*	
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21.	*Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor*	
22.	**Chair of Peter, Apostle**	Feast
23.	Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	Memorial
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March

1.	David of Wales, Bishop	Memorial
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3.	*Katharine Drexel, Virgin*	
4.	*Casimir*	
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7.	Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs	Memorial
8.	*John of God, Religious*	
9.	*Frances of Rome, Religious*	
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17.	*Patrick, Bishop*	
18.	*Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor*	
19.	**Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	Solemnity
20.	*Cuthbert, Bishop*	
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23.	*Turibius de Mogrovejo, Bishop*	
24.		
25.	**Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ**	Solemnity
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April

1.		
2.	*Francis of Paola, Hermit*	
3.		
4.	*Isidore, Bishop and Doctor*	
5.	*Vincent Ferrer, Priest*	
6.		
7.	Jean Baptist de la Salle, Priest	Memorial
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11.	*Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr*	
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13.	*Martin I, Pope and Martyr*	
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21.	*Anselm, Bishop and Doctor*	
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23.	*Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr* *George, Martyr*	
24.	*Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr*	
25.	**Mark, Evangelist**	Feast
26.		
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28.	*Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr* *Louis Mary de Montfort, Priest*	
29.	Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor	Memorial
30.	*Pius V, Pope*	

May

1.	*Joseph the Worker*	
2.	Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor	Memorial
3.	**Philip and James, Apostles**	Feast
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12.	*Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;* *Pancras, Martyr*	
13.	*Our Lady of Fatima*	
14.	**Matthias, Apostle**	Feast
15.	*Isidore the Farmer*	
16.		
17.		
18.	*John I, Pope and Martyr*	
19.	Dunstan, Ethelwold and Oswald, Bishops	Memorial
20.	*Bernardine of Siena, Priest*	
21.	*Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs*	
22.	*Rita of Cascia, Religious*	
23.		
24.		
25.	*Venerable Bede, Priest and Doctor;* *Gregory VII, Pope* *Mary Magdalene dei Pazzi, Virgin*	
26.	Philip Neri, Priest	Memorial
27.	Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	Memorial
28.		
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30.		
31.	**The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	Feast

First Sunday after Pentecost: **The Most Holy Trinity** — Solemnity
Sunday after Holy Trinity: **Body and Blood of Christ** — Solemnity

June

1.	Justin, Martyr	Memorial
2.	*Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs*	
3.	Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	Memorial
4.		
5.	Boniface, Bishop and Martyr	Memorial
6.	*Norbert, Bishop*	
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9.	*Columba of Iona, Abbot;* *Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor*	
10.		
11.	Barnabas, Apostle	Memorial
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13.	Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor	Memorial
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19.	*Romuald, Abbot*	
20.	Alban, Protomartyr of England	Memorial
21.	Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	Memorial
22.	*Paulinus of Nola, Bishop* *John Fisher, Bishop and Martyr, and Thomas More, Martyr*	
23.	Hilda, Etheldreda, Mildred and All Holy Nuns	Memorial
24.	**Nativity of John the Baptist**	Solemnity
25.		
26.		
27.	*Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor*	
28.	Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr	Memorial
29.	**Peter and Paul, Apostles**	Solemnity
30.	*First Martyrs of the Church of Rome*	

Friday following Second Sunday after Pentecost:
The Sacred Heart of Jesus — Solemnity

Saturday following Second Sunday after Pentecost:
Immaculate Heart of Mary

July

1.	*Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest*	
2.		
3.	**Thomas, Apostle**	Feast
4.	*Elizabeth of Portugal*	
	Independence Day (USA)	
5.	*Anthony Zaccaria, Priest*	
6.	*Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*	
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9.	*Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs*	
10.		
11.	Benedict, Abbot	Memorial
12.		
13.	*Henry, Confessor*	
14.	Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin	Memorial
	Camillus de Lellis, Priest	
15.	Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor	Memorial
16.	*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*	
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20.	*Apollinarus, Bishop and Martyr*	
21.	*Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor*	
22.	Mary Magdalene	Memorial
23.	*Bridget, Religious*	
24.	*Sharbel Makhluf, Priest*	
25.	**James, Apostle**	Feast
26.	Joachim and Ann, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial
27.		
28.		
29.	Martha	Memorial
30.	*Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor*	
31.	Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	Memorial

August

1.	Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor	Memorial
2.	*Peter Julian Eymard, Priest* *Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop*	
3.		
4.	John Vianney, Priest	Memorial
5.	*Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major*	
6.	**Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ**	Feast
7.	*Sixtus II, Pope and Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs* *Cajetan, Priest*	
8.	Dominic, Priest	Memorial
9.	*Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin and Martyr*	
10.	**Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**	Feast
11.	Clare, Virgin	Memorial
12.		
13.	*Pontian, Pope and Martyr,* and *Hippolytus, Priest and Martyr*	
14.	Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	Memorial
15.	**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	Solemnity
16.	*Stephen of Hungary*	
17.		
18.	*Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious*	
19.	*John Eudes, Priest*	
20.	Bernard, Abbot and Doctor	Memorial
21.	Pius X, Pope	Memorial
22.	Queenship of Mary	Memorial
23.	*Rose of Lima, Virgin*	
24.	**Bartholomew, Apostle**	Feast
25.	*Louis* *Joseph Calasanz, Priest*	
26.		
27.	Monica	Memorial
28.	Augustine, Bishop and Doctor	Memorial
29.	Beheading of John the Baptist, Martyr	Memorial
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September

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3.	Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor	Memorial
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8.	**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	Feast
9.	Peter Claver, Priest	Memorial
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12.	*Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary*	
13.	John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor	Memorial
14.	**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**	Feast
15.	Our Lady of Sorrows	
16.	Cornelius, Pope and Martyr	Memorial
	Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr	
17.	*Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor*	
18.		
19.	*Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*	
	Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop	
	Adrian, Abbot	
20.	Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest and Martyr, and Paul Chong Hasang and Companions, Martyrs	Memorial
21.	**Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**	Feast
22.		
23.	Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest	Memorial
24.		
25.		
26.	*Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*	
27.	Vincent de Paul, Priest	Memorial
28.	*Wenceslaus, Martyr*	
	Lawrence Ruiz, Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs	
29.	**Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**	Feast
30.	Jerome, Priest and Doctor	Memorial

October

1.	Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor	Memorial
2.	Holy Guardian Angels	Memorial
3.		
4.	Francis of Assisi	Memorial
5.		
6.	*Bruno, Priest* *Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin*	
7.	Our Lady of the Rosary	Memorial
8.		
9.	*Denis, Bishop and Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs* *John Leonardi, Priest*	
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13.	Edward the Confessor	Memorial
14.	*Callistus I, Pope and Martyr*	
15.	Teresa of Ávila, Virgin and Doctor	Memorial
16.	*Hedwig, Religious* *Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*	
17.	Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	Memorial
18.	**Luke, Evangelist**	Feast
19.	Isaac Jogues and Jean de Brebeuf, Priests and Martyrs, and Companions, Martyrs	Memorial
20.	*Paul of the Cross, Priest*	
21.		
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23.	*John of Capistrano, Priest*	
24.	*Anthony Claret, Bishop*	
25.	Cuthbert Mayne, John Houghton, Edmund Campion, Richard Gynn and 36 Companions, Martyrs	Memorial
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28.	**Simon and Jude, Apostles**	Feast
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November

1.	**All Saints**	Solemnity
2.	All Souls	
3.	*Martin de Porres, Religious*	
4.	Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Memorial
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9.	**Dedication of the Basilica of Saint John Lateran**	Feast
10.	Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor	Memorial
11.	Martin of Tours, Bishop	Memorial
12.	Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr	Memorial
13.	Frances Xavier Cabrini, Religious	Memorial
14.		
15.	*Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor*	
16.	*Margaret of Scotland* *Gertrude, Virgin*	
17.	Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious	Memorial
18.	*Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles* *Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin*	
19.		
20.		
21.	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial
22.	Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	Memorial
23.	*Clement I, Pope and Martyr* *Columban, Abbot* *Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr*	
24.	Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs	Memorial
25.	*Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr*	
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30.	**Andrew, Apostle**	Feast

Last Sunday of the Year: **Christ the King** — Solemnity
Fourth Thursday of November: Thanksgiving Day (USA)

December

1.		
2.		
3.	Francis Xavier, Priest	Memorial
4.	*John Damascene, Priest and Doctor*	
5.		
6.	*Nicholas, Bishop*	
7.	Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor	Memorial
8.	**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	Solemnity
9.	*Juan Diego (Cuatitloatzin)*	
10.		
11.	*Damasus I, Pope*	
12.	**Our Lady of Guadalupe**	Feast
13.	Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	Memorial
14.	John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor	Memorial
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21.	*Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor*	
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23.	*John of Kanty, Priest*	
24.		
25.	**Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**	Solemnity
26.	**Stephen, First Martyr**	Feast
27.	**John, Apostle and Evangelist**	Feast
28.	**Holy Innocents, Martyrs**	Feast
29.	*Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr*	
30.		
31.	*Sylvester I, Pope*	

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas or, if there is no Sunday within the Octave, December 30: **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** Feast

DAILY OFFICE LECTIONARY

Concerning the Daily Office Lectionary

The Daily Office Lectionary is arranged in a two-year cycle. Year One begins on the First Sunday of Advent preceding odd-numbered years, and Year Two begins on the First Sunday of Advent preceding even-numbered years. (Thus, on the First Sunday of Advent, 2004, the Lectionary for Year One is begun.)

Three Readings are provided for each Sunday and weekday in each of the two years. Two of the Readings may be used in the morning and one in the evening; or, if the Office is read only once in the day, all three Readings may be used. When the Office is read twice in the day, it is suggested that the Gospel Reading be used in the evening in Year One, and in the morning in Year Two. If two Readings are desired at both Offices, the Old Testament Reading for the alternate year is used as the First Reading at Evening Prayer.

When more than one Reading is used at an Office, the first is always from the Old Testament.

When a Solemnity or Feast interrupts the sequence of Readings, they may be re-ordered by lengthening, combining, or omitting some of them, to secure continuity or avoid repetition.

Any Reading may be lengthened at discretion. Suggested lengthenings are shown in parentheses.

In this Lectionary (except in the weeks from 4 Advent to 1 Epiphany, and Palm Sunday to 2 Easter), the Psalms are arranged in a seven-week pattern which recurs throughout the year, except for appropriate variations in Lent and Easter Season.

In the citation of the Psalms, those for the morning are given first, and then those for the evening. At the discretion of the officiant, however, any of the Psalms appointed for a given day may be used in the morning or in the evening. Likewise, Psalms appointed for any day may be used on any other day in the same week, except on major Holy Days.

Brackets and parentheses are used (brackets in the case of whole Psalms, parentheses in the case of verses) to indicate Psalms and verses of Psalms which may be omitted. In some instances, the entire portion of the Psalter assigned to a given Office has been bracketed, and alternative Psalmody provided. Those who desire to recite the Psalter

in its entirety should, in each instance, use the bracketed Psalms rather than the alternatives.

Antiphons drawn from the Psalms themselves, or from the opening sentences given in the Offices, or from other passages of Scripture, may be used with the Psalms and biblical Canticles. The antiphons may be sung or said at the beginning and end of each Psalm or Canticle, or may be used as refrains after each verse or group of verses.

On Special Occasions, the officiant may select suitable Psalms and Readings.

Year One

Week of 1 Advent

Sunday	146, 147 Isa. 1:1–9	 2 Pet. 3:1–10	111, 112, 113 Matt. 25:1–18
Monday	1, 2, 3 Isa. 1:10–20	 1 Thess. 1:1–10	4, 7 Luke 20:1–8
Tuesday	5, 6 Isa. 1:21–31	 1 Thess. 2:1–12	10, 11 Luke 20:9–18
Wednesday	119:1–24 Isa. 2:1–11	 1 Thess. 2:13–20	12, 13, 14 Luke 20:19–26
Thursday	18:1–20 Isa. 2:12–22	 1 Thess. 3:1–13	18:21–50 Luke 20:27–40
Friday	16, 17 Isa. 3:8–15	 1 Thess. 4:1–12	22 Luke 20:41–21:4
Saturday	20, 21:1–7(8–13) Isa. 4:2–6	 1 Thess. 4:13–18	110:5(6–7), 116, 117 Luke 21:5–19

Week of 2 Advent

Sunday	148, 149, 150 Isa. 5:1–7	 2 Pet. 3:11–18	114, 115 Luke 7:28–35
Monday	25 Isa. 5:8–12, 18–23	 1 Thess. 5:1–11	9, 15 Luke 21:20–28
Tuesday	26, 28 Isa. 5:18–17, 24–25	 1 Thess. 5:12–28	36, 39 Luke 21:29–38
Wednesday	38 Isa. 6:1–13	 2 Thess. 1:1–12	119:25–48 John 7:53–8:11
Thursday	37:1–18 Isa. 7:1–9	 2 Thess. 2:1–12	37:19–42 Luke 22:1–13
Friday	31 Isa. 7:10–25	 2 Thess. 2:13–3:5	35 Luke 22:14–30
Saturday	30, 32 Isa. 8:1–15	 2 Thess. 3:6–18	42, 43 Luke 22:31–38

Year Two

Week of 1 Advent

Sunday	146, 147		111, 112, 113
	Amos 1:1–5, 13—2:8	1 Thess. 5:1–11	Luke 21:5–19
Monday	1, 2, 3		4, 7
	Amos 2:6–16	2 Pet. 1:1–11	Matt. 21:1–11
Tuesday	5, 6		10, 11
	Amos 3:1–11	2 Pet. 1:12–21	Matt. 21:12–22
Wednesday	119:1–24		12, 13, 14
	Amos 3:12—4:5	2 Pet. 3:1–10	Matt. 21:23–32
Thursday	18:1–20		18:21–50
	Amos 4:6–13	2 Pet. 3:11–18	Matt. 21:33–46
Friday	16, 17		22
	Amos 5:1–17	Jude 1–16	Matt. 22:1–14
Saturday	20, 21:1–7(8–13)		110:1–5(6–7), 116, 117
	Amos 5:18–27	Jude 17–25	Matt. 22:15–22

Week of 2 Advent

Sunday	148, 149, 150		114, 115
	Amos 6:1–14	2 Thess. 1:5–12	Luke 1:57–68
Monday	25		9, 15
	Amos 7:1–9	Rev. 1:1–8	Matt. 22:23–33
Tuesday	26, 28		36, 39
	Amos 7:10–17	Rev. 1:9–16	Matt. 22:34–46
Wednesday	38		119:25–48
	Amos 8:1–14	Rev. 1:17—2:7	Matt. 23:1–12
Thursday	37:1–18		37:19–42
	Amos 9:1–10	Rev. 2:8–17	Matt. 23:13–26
Friday	31		35
	Haggai 1:1–15	Rev. 2:18–29	Matt. 23:27–39
Saturday	30, 32		42, 43
	Haggai 2:1–9	Rev. 3:1–6	Matt. 24:1–14

Year One

Week of 3 Advent

Sunday	63:1–8(9–11), 98		103
	Isa. 13:6–13	Heb. 12:18–29	John 3:22–30
Monday	41, 52		44
	Isa. 8:16—9:1	2 Pet. 1:1–11	Luke 22:39–53
Tuesday	45		47, 48
	Isa. 9:1–7	2 Pet. 1:12–21	Luke 22:54–69
Wednesday	119:49–72		49, [53]
	Isa. 9:8–17	2 Pet. 2:1–10a	Mark 1:1–8
Thursday	50		[59, 60] *or* 33
	Isa. 9:18—10:4	2 Pet. 2:10b–16	Matt. 3:1–12
Friday	40, 54		51
	Isa. 10:5–19	2 Pet. 2:17–22	Matt. 11:2–15
Saturday	55		138, 139:1–17(18–23)
	Isa. 10:20–27	Jude 17–25	Luke 3:1–9

Week of 4 Advent

Sunday	24, 29		8, 84
	Isa. 42:1–12	Eph. 6:10–20	John 3:16–21
Monday	61, 62		112, 115
	Isa. 11:1–9	Rev. 20:1–10	John 5:30–47
Tuesday	66, 67		216, 117
	Isa. 11:10–16	Rev. 20:11–21:8	Luke 1:5–25
Wednesday	72		111, 113
	Isa. 28:9–22	Rev. 21:9–21	Luke 1:26–38
Thursday	80		146, 147
	Isa. 29:13–24	Rev. 21:22—22:5	Luke 1:39–48a(48b–56)
Friday	93, 96		148, 150
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	Isa. 35:1–10	Rev. 22:12–17, 21	Luke 1:67–80
Christmas Eve	———		89:1–29
		Isa. 59:15b–21	Phil. 2:5–11

Year Two

Week of 3 Advent

Sunday	63:1–8(9–11), 98		103
	Amos 9:11–15	2 Thess. 2:1–3, 13–17	John 5:30–47
Monday	41, 52		44
	Zech. 1:7–17	Rev. 3:7–13	Matt. 24:15–31
Tuesday	45		47, 48
	Zech. 2:1–13	Rev. 3:14–22	Matt. 24:32–44
Wednesday	119:49–72		49, [53]
	Zech. 3:1–10	Rev. 4:1–8	Matt. 24:45–51
Thursday	50		[59, 60] *or* 33
	Zech. 4:1–14	Rev. 4:9—5:5	Matt. 25:1–13
Friday	40, 54		51
	Zech. 7:8—8:8	Rev. 5:6–14	Matt. 25:14–30
Saturday	55		138, 139:1–17(18–23)
	Zech. 8:9–17	Rev. 6:1–17	Matt. 25:31–46

Week of 4 Advent

Sunday	24, 29		8, 84
	Gen. 3:8–15	Rev. 12:1–10	John 3:16–21
Monday	61, 62		112, 115
	Zeph. 3:14–20	Titus 1:1–16	Luke 1:1–25
Tuesday	66, 67		116, 117
	1 Sam. 2:1b–10	Titus 2:1–10	Luke 1:26–38
Wednesday	72		111, 113
	2 Sam. 7:1–17	Titus 2:11—3:8a	Luke 1:39–48a(48b–56)
Thursday	80		146, 147
	2 Sam. 7:18–29	Gal. 3:1–14	Luke 1:57–66
Friday	93, 96		148, 150
	Baruch 4:21–29	Gal. 3:15–22	Luke 1:67–80 *or* Matt. 1:1–17
Dec. 24	45, 46		———
	Baruch 4:36–5:9	Gal. 3:23—4:7	Matt. 1:18–25
Christmas Eve	———		89:1–29
		Isa. 59:15b–21	Phil. 2:5–11

Year One

Christmas Day and Following

Christmas Day	2, 85 Zech. 2:10–13	1 John 4:7–16	110:1–5(6–7), 132 John 3:31–36
Holy Family (1) *Sun. within 8ve.*	93, 96 Isa. 62:6–7, 10–12	Heb. 2:10–18	34 Matt. 1:18–25
Dec. 29	18:1–20 Isa. 12:1–6	Rev. 1:1–8	18:21–50 (2) John 7:37–52
Dec. 30	20, 21:1–7(8–13) Isa. 25:1–9	Rev. 1:9–20	23, 27 John 7:53—8:11
Dec. 31	46, 48 Isa. 26:1–9	2 Cor. 5:16—6:2	——— John 8:12–19
Eve of Mary, Mother of God	———	Isa. 65:15b–25	90 Rev. 21:1–6
Mary, Mother of God	103 Gen 17:1–12a, 15–16	Col 2:6–12	148 John 16:23b–30
2nd Sun. after Christmas (3)	66, 67 Ecclus 3:3–9, 14–17	1 John 2:12–17	145 John 6:41–47
Jan. 2	34 Gen. 12:1–7	Heb. 11:1–12	33 John 6:35–42, 48–51
Jan. 3	68 Gen. 28:10–22	Heb. 11:13–22	72 (4) John 10:7–17
Jan. 4	85, 87 Exod. 3:1–12	Heb. 11:23–31	89:1–29 (4) John 14:6–14
Jan. 5	2, 110:1–5(6–7) Joshua 1:1–9	Heb. 11:32—12:2	——— John 15:1–16
Eve of Epiphany (5)		——— Isa. 66:18–23	29, 98 Rom. 15:7–13

(1) If Christmas falls on Sunday, Holy Family is observed on December 30.
(2) If today is Saturday, use Psalms 23 *and* 27 at Evening Prayer.
(3) Sunday from January 2 to January 5.
(4) If today is Saturday, use Psalm 136 at Evening Prayer.
(5) In the U.S.A., Epiphany is assigned to the Sunday from January 2 to January 8.

Year Two

Christmas Day and Following

Christmas Day	2, 85 Micah 4:1–5; 5:2–4	1 John 4:7–16	110:1–5(6–7), 132 John 3:31–36
Holy Family [(1)] *Sun. within 8ve.*	93, 96 1 Sam. 1:1–2, 7b–28	Col. 1:9–20	34 Luke 2:22–40
Dec. 29	18:1–20 2 Sam. 23:13–17b	2 John 1–13	18:21–50 [(2)] John 2:1–11
Dec. 30	20, 21:1–7(8–13) 1 Kings 17:17–24	3 John 1–15	23, 27 John 4:46–54
Dec. 31	46, 48 1 Kings 3:5–14	James 4:13–17; 5:7–1	——— 1John 5:1–15
Eve of Mary, Mother of God	———	Isa. 65:15b–25	90 Rev. 21:1–6
Mary, Mother of God	103 Isa. 62:1–5, 10–12	Rev. 19:11–16	148 Matt. 1:18–25
2nd Sun. after Christmas [(3)]	66, 67 Wis. 7:3–14	Col. 3:12–17	145 John 6:41–47
Jan. 2	34 1 Kings 19:1–8	Eph. 4:1–16	33 John 6:1–14
Jan. 3	68 1 Kings 19:9–18	Eph. 4:17–32	72 [(4)] John 6:15–27
Jan. 4	85, 87 Joshua 3:14; 4:7	Eph. 5:1–20	89:1–29 [(4)] John 9:1–12, 35–38
Jan. 5	2, 110:1–5(6–7) Jonah 2:2–9	Eph. 6:10–20	——— John 11:17–27, 38–44
Eve of Epiphany [(5)]		——— Isa. 66:18–23	29, 98 Rom. 15:7–13

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(4) If today is Saturday, use Psalm 136 at Evening Prayer.
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Year One

Epiphany and Following

Epiphany (1)	46, 97		96, 100
	Isa. 52:7–10	Rev. 21:22–27	Matt. 12:14–21
Monday (2)	103		114, 115
	Isa. 52:3–6	Rev. 2:1–7	John 2:1–11
Tuesday (2)	117, 118		112, 113
	Isa. 59:15–21	Rev. 2:8–17	John 4:46–54
Wednesday (2)	121, 122, 123		131, 132
	Isa. 63:1–5	Rev. 2:18–29	John 5:1–15
Thursday (2)	138, 139:1–17(18–23)		147
	Isa. 65:1–9	Rev. 3:1–6	John 6:1–14
Friday (2)	148, 150		91, 92
	Isa. 65:13–16	Rev. 3:7–13	John 6:15–27
Saturday (2	98, 99, [100]		———
	Isa. 66:1–2, 22–23	Rev. 3:14–22	John 9:1–12, 35–38
Eve of 1 Epiphany		———	104
		Isa. 61:1–9	Gal. 3:23–29; 4:4–7

Week of 1 Epiphany

Baptism	146, 147		111, 112, 113
of the Lord	Isa. 40:1–11	Heb. 1:1–12	John 1:1–7, 19–20, 29–34
Monday	1, 2, 3		4, 7
	Isa. 40:12–23	Eph. 1:1–14	Mark 1:1–13
Tuesday	5, 6		10, 11
	Isa. 40:25–31	Eph. 1:15–23	Mark 1:14–28
Wednesday	119:1–24		12, 13, 14
	Isa. 41:1–16	Eph. 2:1–10	Mark 1:29–45
Thursday	18:1–20		18:21–50
	Isa. 41:17–29	Eph. 2:11–22	Mark 2:1–12
Friday	16, 17		22
	Isa. 42:(1–9), 10–17	Eph. 3:1–13	Mark 2:13–22
Saturday	20, 21:1–7(8–13)		110:1–5(6–7), 116, 117
	Isa. 43:1–13	Eph. 3:14–21	Mark 2:23–3:6

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(2) After Epiphany to the Baptism of the Lord.

Year Two

Epiphany and Following

Epiphany (1)	46, 97 Isa. 49:1–7	 Rev. 21:22–27	96, 100 Matt. 12:14–21
Monday (2)	103 Deut. 8:1–3	 Col. 1:1–14	114, 115 John 6:30–33, 48–51
Tuesday (2)	117, 118 Exod. 17:1–7	 Col. 1:15–23	112, 113 John 7:37–52
Wednesday (2)	121, 122, 123 Isa. 45:14–19	 Col. 1:24—2:7	131, 132 John 8:12–19
Thursday (2)	38, 139:1–17(18–23) Jer. 23:1–8	 Col. 2:8–23	147 John 10:7–17
Friday (2)	148, 150 Isa. 55:3–9	 Col. 3:1–17	91, 92 John 14:6–14
Saturday (2)	98, 99, [100] Gen. 49:1–2, 8–12	 Col. 3:18—4:6	——— John 15:1–16
Eve of 1 Epiphany		——— Isa. 61:1–9	104 Gal. 3:23–29; 4:4–7

Week of 1 Epiphany

Baptism of the Lord	146, 147 Gen. 1:1—2:3	 Eph. 1:3–14	111, 112, 113 John 1:29–34
Monday	1, 2, 3 Gen. 2:4–9(10–15), 16–25	 Heb. 1:1–14	4, 7 John 1:1–18
Tuesday	5, 6 Gen. 3:1–24	 Heb. 2:1–10	10, 11 John 1:19–28
Wednesday	119:1–24 Gen. 4:1–16	 Heb. 2:11–18	12, 13, 14 John 1:(29–34), 35–42
Thursday	18:1–20 Gen. 4:17–26	 Heb. 3:1–11	18:21–50 John 1:43–51
Friday	16, 17 Gen. 6:1–8	 Heb. 3:12–19	22 John 2:1–12
Saturday	20, 21:1–7(8–13) Gen. 6:9–22	 Heb. 4:1–13	110:1–5(6–7), 116, 117 John 2:13–22

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(2) After Epiphany to the Baptism of the Lord.

Year One

Week of 2 Epiphany

Sunday	148, 149, 150 Isa. 43:14—44:5	 Heb. 6:17–7:10	114, 115 John 4:27–42
Monday	25 Isa. 44:6–8, 21–23	 Eph. 4:1–16	9, 15 Mark 3:7–19a
Tuesday	26, 28 Isa. 44:9–20	 Eph. 4:17–32	36, 39 Mark 3:19b–35
Wednesday	38 Isa. 44:24—45:7	 Eph. 5:1–14	119:25–48 Mark 4:1–20
Thursday	37:1–18 Isa. 45:5–17	 Eph. 5:15–33	37:19–42 Mark 4:21–34
Friday	31 Isa. 45:18–25	 Eph. 6:1–9	35 Mark 4:35–41
Saturday	30, 32 Isa. 46:1–13	 Eph. 6:10–24	42, 43 Mark 5:1–20

Week of 3 Epiphany

Sunday	63:1–8(9–11), 98 Isa. 47:1–15	 Heb. 10:19–31	103 John 5:2–18
Monday	41, 52 Isa. 48:1–11	 Gal. 1:1–17	44 Mark 5:21–43
Tuesday	45 Isa. 48:12–21	 Gal. 1:18—2:10	47, 48 Mark 6:1–13
Wednesday	119:49–72 Isa. 49:1–12	 Gal. 2:11–21	49, [53] Mark 6:13–29
Thursday	50 Isa. 49:13–23	 Gal. 3:1–14	[59, 60] *or* 118 Mark 6:30–46
Friday	40, 54 Isa. 50:1–11	 Gal. 3:15–22	51 Mark 6:47–56
Saturday	55 Isa. 51:1–8	 Gal. 3:23–29	138, 139:1–17(18–23) Mark 7:1–23

Year Two

Week of 2 Epiphany

Sunday	148, 149, 150 Gen. 7:1–10, 17–23	Eph. 4:1–16	114, 115 Mark 3:7–19
Monday	25 Gen. 8:6–22	Heb. 4:14—5:6	9, 15 John 2:23—3:15
Tuesday	26, 28 Gen. 9:1–17	Heb. 5:7–14	36, 39 John 3:16–21
Wednesday	38 Gen. 9:18–29	Heb. 6:1–12	119:25–48 John 3:22–36
Thursday	37:1–18 Gen. 11:1–9	Heb. 6:13–20	37:19–42 John 4:1–15
Friday	31 Gen. 11:27—12:8	Heb. 7:1–17	35 John 4:16–26
Saturday	30, 32 Gen. 12:9—13:1	Heb. 7:18–28	42, 43 John 4:27–42

Week of 3 Epiphany

Sunday	63:1–8(9–11), 98 Gen. 13:2–18	Gal. 2:1–10	103 Mark 7:31–37
Monday	41, 52 Gen. 14(1–7), 8–24	Heb. 8:1–13	44 John 4:43–54
Tuesday	45 Gen. 15:1–11, 17–21	Heb. 9:1–14	47, 48 John 5:1–18
Wednesday	119:49–72 Gen. 16:1–14	Heb. 9:15–28	49, [53] John 5:19–29
Thursday	50 Gen. 16:15—17:14	Heb. 10:1–10	[59, 60] *or* 118 John 5:30–47
Friday	40, 54 Gen. 17:15–27	Heb. 10:11–25	51 John 6:1–15
Saturday	55 Gen. 18:1–16	Heb. 10:26–39	138, 139:1–17(18–23) John 6:16–27

Year One

Week of 4 Epiphany

Sunday	24, 29		8, 84
	Isa. 51:9–16	Heb. 11:8–16	John 7:14–31
Monday	56, 57, [58]		64, 65
	Isa. 51:17–23	Gal. 4:1–11	Mark 7:24–37
Tuesday	61, 62		68:1–20(21–23), 24–36
	Isa. 52:1–12	Gal. 4:12–20	Mark 8:1–10
Wednesday	72		119:73–96
	Isa. 54:1–10(11–17)	Gal. 4:21–31	Mark 8:11–26
Thursday	[70], 71		74
	Isa. 55:1–13	Gal. 5:1–15	Mark 8:27—9:1
Friday	69:1–23(24–30), 31–38		73
	Isa. 56:1–8	Gal. 5:16–24	Mark 9:2–13
Saturday	75, 76		23, 27
	Isa. 57:3–13	Gal. 5:25—6:10	Mark 9:14–29

Week of 5 Epiphany

Sunday	93, 96		34
	Isa. 57:14–21	Heb. 12:1–6	John 7:37–46
Monday	80		77, [79]
	Isa. 58:1–12	Gal. 6:11–18	Mark 9:30–41
Tuesday	78:1–39		78:40–72
	Isa. 59:1–15a	2 Tim. 1:1–14	Mark 9:42–50
Wednesday	119:97–120		81, 82
	Isa. 59:15b–21	2 Tim. 1:15—2:13	Mark 10:1–16
Thursday	[83] *or* 146, 147		85, 86
	Isa. 60:1–17	2 Tim. 2:14–26	Mark 10:17–31
Friday	88		91, 92
	Isa. 61:1–9	2 Tim. 3:1–17	Mark 10:32–45
Saturday	87, 90		136
	Isa. 61:10—62:5	2 Tim. 4:1–8	Mark 10:46–52

Year Two

Week of 4 Epiphany

Sunday	24, 29		8, 84
	Gen. 18:16–33	Gal. 5:13–25	Mark 8:22–30
Monday	56, 57, [58]		64, 65
	Gen. 19:1–17(18–23), 24–29	Heb. 11:1–12	John 6:27–40
Tuesday	61, 62		68:1–20(21–23), 24–36
	Gen. 21:1–21	Heb. 11:13–22	John 6:41–51
Wednesday	72		119:73–96
	Gen. 22:1–18	Heb. 11:23–31	John 6:52–59
Thursday	[70], 71		74
	Gen. 23:1–20	Heb. 11:32–12:2	John 6:60–71
Friday	69:1–23(24–30), 31–38		73
	Gen. 24:1–27	Heb. 12:3–11	John 7:1–13
Saturday	75, 76		23, 27
	Gen. 24:28–38, 49–51	Heb. 12:12–29	John 7:14–36

Week of 5 Epiphany

Sunday	93, 96		34
	Gen. 24:50–67	2 Tim. 2:14–21	Mark 10:13–22
Monday	80		77, [79]
	Gen. 25:19–34	Heb. 13:1–16	John 7:37–52
Tuesday	78:1–39		78:40–72
	Gen. 26:1–6, 12–33	Heb. 13:17–25	John 7:53—8:11
Wednesday	119:97–120		81, 82
	Gen. 27:1–29	Rom. 12:1–8	John 8:12–20
Thursday	[83] *or* 146, 147		85, 86
	Gen. 27:30–45	Rom. 12:9–21	John 8:21–32
Friday	88		91, 92
	Gen. 27:46—28:4, 10–22	Rom. 13:1–14	John 8:33–47
Saturday	87, 90		136
	Gen. 29:1–20	Rom. 14:1–23	John 8:47–59

Year One

Week of 6 Epiphany

Sunday	66, 67		29, 46
	Isa. 62:6–12	1 John 2:3–11	John 8:12–19
Monday	89:1–18		89:19–52
	Isa. 63:1–6	1 Tim. 1:1–17	Mark 11
Tuesday	97, 99, [100]		94, [95]
	Isa. 63:7–14	1 Tim. 1:18–2:8	Mark 11:12–26
Wednesday	101, 109:1–4(5–19), 20–30		119:121–144
	Isa. 63:15—64:9	1 Tim. 3:1–16	Mark 11:27—12:12
Thursday	105:1–22		105:23–45
	Isa. 65:1–12	1 Tim. 4:1–16	Mark 12:13–27
Friday	102		107:1–32
	Isa. 65:17–25	1 Tim. 5:17–22 (23–25)	Mark 12:28–34
Saturday	107:33–43, 108:1–6(7–13)		33
	Isa. 66:1–6	1 Tim. 6:6–21	Mark 12:35–44

Week of 7 Epiphany

Sunday	118		145
	Isa. 66:7–14	1 John 3:4–10	John 10:7–16
Monday	106:1–18		106:19–48
	Ruth 1:1–14	2 Cor. 1:1–11	Matt. 5:1–12
Tuesday	[120], 121, 122, 123		124, 125, 126, [127]
	Ruth 1:15–22	2 Cor. 1:12–22	Matt. 5:13–20
Wednesday	119:145–176		128, 129, 130
	Ruth 2:1–13	2 Cor. 1:23—2:17	Matt. 5:21–26
Thursday	131, 132, [133]		134, 135
	Ruth 2:14–23	2 Cor. 3:1–18	Matt. 5:27–37
Friday	140, 142		141, 143:1–11(12)
	Ruth 3:1–18	2 Cor. 4:1–12	Matt. 5:38–48
Saturday	137:1–6(7–9), 144		104
	Ruth 4:1–17	2 Cor. 4:13–5:10	Matt. 6:1–6

Year Two

Week of 6 Epiphany

Sunday	66, 67		29, 46
	Gen. 29:20–35	1 Tim. 3:14–4:10	Mark 10:23–31
Monday	89:1–18		89:19–52
	Gen. 30:1–24	1 John 1:1–10	John 9:1–17
Tuesday	97, 99, [100]		94, [95]
	Gen. 31:1–24	1 John 2:1–11	John 9:18–41
Wednesday	101, 109:1–4(5–19), 20–30		119:121–144
	Gen. 31:25–50	1 John 2:12–17	John 10:1–18
Thursday	105:1–22		105:23–45
	Gen. 32:3–21	1 John 2:18–29	John 10:19–30
Friday	102		107:1–32
	Gen. 32:22—33:17	1 John 3:1–10	John 10:31–42
Saturday	107:33–43, 108:1–6(7–13)		33
	Gen. 35:1–20	1 John 3:11–18	John 11:1–16

Week of 7 Epiphany

Sunday	118		145
	Prov. 1:20–33	2 Cor. 5:11–21	Mark 10:35–45
Monday	106:1–18		106:19–48
	Prov. 3:11–20	1 John 3:18—4:6	John 11:17–29
Tuesday	[120], 121, 122, 123		124, 125, 126, [127]
	Prov. 4:1–27	1 John 4:7–21	John 11:30–44
Wednesday	119:145–176		128, 129, 130
	Prov. 6:1–19	1 John 5:1–12	John 11:45–54
Thursday	131, 132, [133]		134, 135
	Prov. 7:1–27	1 John 5:13–21	John 11:55—12:8
Friday	140, 142		141, 143:1–11(12)
	Prov. 8:1–21	Philemon 1–25	John 12:9–19
Saturday	137:1–6(7–9), 144		104
	Prov. 8:22–36	2 Tim. 1:1–14	John 12:20–26

Year One

Week of 8 Epiphany

Sunday	146, 147 Deut. 4:1–9	 2 Tim. 4:1–8	211, 112, 113 John 12:1–8
Monday	1, 2, 3 Deut. 4:9–14	 2 Cor. 10:1–18	4, 7 Matt. 6:7–15
Tuesday	5, 6 Deut. 4:15–24	 2 Cor. 11:1–21a	10, 11 Matt. 6:16–23
Wednesday	119:1–24 Deut. 4:25–31	 2 Cor. 11:21b–33	12, 13, 14 Matt. 6:24–34
Thursday	18:1–20 Deut. 4:32–40	 2 Cor. 12:1–10	18:21–50 Matt. 7:1–12
Friday	16, 17 Deut. 5:1–22	 2 Cor. 12:11–21	22 Matt. 7:13–21
Saturday	20, 21:1–7(8–13) Deut. 5:22–33	 2 Cor. 13:1–14	110:1–5(6–7), 116, 117 Matt. 7:22–29

Week of Last Epiphany

Sunday	148, 149, 150 Deut. 6:1–9	 1 Cor. 3:11–23	114, 115 Mark 3:31–4:9
Monday	25 Deut. 6:10–15	 Heb. 1:1–14	9, 15 John 1:1–18
Tuesday	26, 28 Deut. 6:16–25	 Heb. 2:1–10	36, 39 John 1:19–28
Ash Wednesday	95 (1) *and* 32, 143 Jonah 3:1—4:11	 Heb. 12:1–14	102, 130 Luke 18:9–14
Thursday	37:1–18 Deut. 7:6–11	 Titus 1:1–16	37:19–42 John 1:29–34
Friday	95 (1) *and* 31 Deut. 7:12–16	 Titus 2:1–15	35 John 1:35–42
Saturday	30, 32 Deut. 7:17–26	 Titus 3:1–15	42, 43 John 1:43–51

(1) For the Invitatory.

Year Two

Week of 8 Epiphany

Sunday	146, 147		211, 112, 113
	Prov. 9:1–12	2 Cor. 9:6b–15	Mark 10:46–52
Monday	1, 2, 3		4, 7
	Prov. 10:1–12	2 Tim. 1:15—2:13	John 12:27–36a
Tuesday	5, 6		10, 11
	Prov. 15:16–33	2 Tim. 2:14–26	John 12:36b–50
Wednesday	119:1–24		12, 13, 14
	Prov. 17:1–20	2 Tim 3:1–17	John 13:1–20
Thursday	18:1–20		18:21–50
	Prov. 21:30—22:6	2 Tim. 4:1–8	John 13:21–30
Friday	16, 17		22
	Prov. 23:19–21, 29—24:2	2 Tim. 4:9–22	John 13:31–38
Saturday	20, 21:1–7(8–13)		110:1–5(6–7), 116, 117
	Prov. 25:15–28	Phil. 1:1–11	John 18:1–14

Week of Last Epiphany

Sunday	148, 149, 150		114, 115
	Prov 26:1–28	Rom. 6:3–14	John 5:19–24
Monday	25		9, 15
	Prov. 27:1–6, 10–12	Phil. 2:1–13	John 18:15–18, 25–27
Tuesday	26, 28		36, 39
	Prov. 30:1–4, 24–33	Phil. 3:1–11	John 18:28–38
Ash Wednesday	95 (1) *and* 32, 143		102, 130
	Amos 5:6–15	Heb. 12:1–14	Luke 18:9–14
Thursday	37:1–18		37:19–42
	Hab. 3:1–10(11–15), 16–18	Phil. 3:12–21	John 17:1–8
Friday	95 (1) *and* 31		35
	Ezek. 18:1–4, 25–32	Phil. 4:1–9	John 17:9–19
Saturday	30, 32		42, 43
	Ezek. 39:21–29	Phil. 4:10–20	John 17:20–26

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Year One

Week of 1 Lent

Sunday	63:1–8(9–11), 98		103
	Deut. 8:1–10	1 Cor. 1:17–31	Mark 2:18–22
Monday	41, 52		44
	Deut. 8:11–20	Heb. 2:11–18	John 2:1–12
Tuesday	45		47, 48
	Deut. 9:4–12	Heb. 3:1–11	John 2:13–22
Wednesday	119:49–72		49, [53]
	Deut. 9:13–21	Heb. 3:12–19	John 2:23–3:15
Thursday	50		[59, 60] *or* 19, 46
	Deut. 9:23—10:5	Heb. 4:1–10	John 3:16–21
Friday	95 (1) *and* 40, 54		51
	Deut. 10:12–22	Heb. 4:11–16	John 3:22–36
Saturday	55		138, 139:1–17(18–23)
	Deut. 11:18–28	Heb. 5:1–10	John 4:1–26

Week of 2 Lent

Sunday	24, 29		8, 84
	Jer. 1:1–10	Heb. 12:18–29	John 12:24–32
Monday	56, 57, [58]		64, 65
	Jer. 1:11–19	Rom. 1:1–15	John 4:27–42
Tuesday	61, 62		68:1–20(21–23), 24–36
	Jer. 2:1–13	Rom. 1:16–25	John 4:43–54
Wednesday	72		119:73–96
	Jer. 3:6–18	Rom. 1:28–2:11	John 5:1–18
Thursday	[70], 71		74
	Jer. 4:9–10, 19–28	Rom. 2:12–24	John 5:19–29
Friday	95 (1) *and* 69:1–23(24–30), 31–38		73
	Jer. 5:1–9	Rom. 2:25—3:18	John 5:30–47
Saturday	75, 76		23, 27
	Jer. 5:20–31	Rom. 3:19–31	John 7:1–13

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Year Two

Week of 1 Lent

Sunday	63:1–8(9–11), 98		103
	Dan. 9:3–10	Heb. 2:10–18	John 12:44–50
Monday	41, 52		44
	Gen. 37:1–11	1 Cor. 1:1–19	Mark 1:1–13
Tuesday	45		47, 48
	Gen. 37:12–24	1 Cor. 1:20–31	Mark 1:14–28
Wednesday	119:49–72		49, [53]
	Gen. 37:25–36	1 Cor. 2:1–13	Mark 1:29–45
Thursday	50		[59, 60] *or* 19, 46
	Gen. 39:1–23	1 Cor. 2:14—3:15	Mark 2:1–12
Friday	95 (1) *and* 40, 54		51
	Gen. 40:1–23	1 Cor. 3:16–23	Mark 2:13–22
Saturday	55		138, 139:1–17(18–23)
	Gen. 41:1–24	1 Cor. 4:1–7	Mark 2:23—3:6

Week of 2 Lent

Sunday	24, 29		8, 84
	Ecclus. 48:1–11	2 Cor. 3:7–18	Luke 9:18–27
Monday	56, 57, [58]		64, 65
	Gen. 41:25–57	1 Cor. 4:8–20(21)	Mark 3:7–19a
Tuesday	61, 62		68:1–20(21–23), 24–36
	Gen. 42:1–17	1 Cor. 5:1–8	Mark 3:19b–3
Wednesday	72		119:73–96
	Gen. 42:18–28	1 Cor. 5:9—6:8	Mark 4:1–20
Thursday	[70], 71		74
	Gen. 42:29–38	1 Cor. 6:12–20	Mark 4:21–34
Friday	95 (1) *and* 69:1–23(24–30), 31–38		73
	Gen. 43:1–15	1 Cor. 7:1–9	Mark 4:35–41
Saturday	75, 76		23, 27
	Gen. 43:16–34	1 Cor. 7:10–24	Mark 5:1–20

(1) For the Invitatory.

Year One

Week of 3 Lent

Sunday	93, 96		34
	Jer. 6:9–15	1 Cor. 6:12–20	Mark 5:1–20
Monday	80		77, [791
	Jer. 7:1–15	Rom. 4:1–12	John 7:14–36
Tuesday	78:1–39		78:40–72
	Jer. 7:21–34	Rom. 4:13–25	John 7:37–52
Wednesday	119:97–120		81, 82
	Jer. 8:18–9:6	Rom. 5:1–11	John 8:12–20
Thursday	[83] *or* 42, 43		85, 86
	Jer. 10:11–24	Rom. 5:12–21	John 8:21–32
Friday	95 (1) *and* 88		91, 92
	Jer. 11:1–8, 14–20	Rom. 6:1–11	John 8:33–47
Saturday	87, 90		136
	Jer. 13:1–11	Rom. 6:12–23	John 8:47–59

Week of 4 Lent

Sunday	66, 67		29, 46
	Jer. 14:1–9, 17–22	Gal. 4:21—5:1	Mark 8:11–21
Monday	89:1–18		89:19–52
	Jer. 16:10–21	Rom. 7:1–12	John 6:1–15
Tuesday	97, 99, [100]		94, [95]
	Jer. 17:19–27	Rom. 7:13–25	John 6:16–27
Wednesday	101, 109:1–4(5–19), 20–30		119:121–144
	Jer. 18:1–11	Rom. 8:1–11	John 6:27–40
Thursday	69:1–23(24–30), 31–38		73
	Jer. 22:13–23	Rom. 8:12–27	John 6:41–51
Friday	95 (1) *and* 102		107:1–32
	Jer. 23:1–8	Rom. 8:28–39	John 6:52–59
Saturday	107:33–43, 108:1–6(7–13)		33
	Jer. 23:9–15	Rom. 9:1–18	John 6:60–71

(1) For the Invitatory.

Year Two

Week of 3 Lent

Sunday	93, 96		34
	Gen. 44:1–17	Rom. 8:1–10	John 5:25–29
Monday	80		77, [79]
	Gen. 44:18–34	1 Cor. 7:25–31	Mark 5:21–43
Tuesday	78:1–39		78:40–72
	Gen. 45:1–15	1 Cor. 7:32–40	Mark 6:1–13
Wednesday	119:97–120		81, 82
	Gen. 45:16–28	1 Cor. 8:1–13	Mark 6:13–29
Thursday	[83] *or* 42, 43		85, 86
	Gen. 46:1–7, 28–34	1 Cor. 9:1–15	Mark 6:30–46
Friday	95 (1) *and* 88		91, 92
	Gen. 47:1–26	1 Cor. 9:16–27	Mark 6:47–56
Saturday	87, 90		136
	Gen. 47:27—48:7	1 Cor. 10:1–13	Mark 7:1–23

Week of 4 Lent

Sunday	66, 67		29, 46
	Gen. 48:8–22	Rom. 8:11–25	John 6:27–40
Monday	89:1–18		89:19–52
	Gen. 49:1–28	1 Cor. 10:14—11:1	Mark 7:24–37
Tuesday	97, 99, [100]		94, [95]
	Gen. 49:29—50:14	1 Cor. 11:17–34	Mark 8:1–10
Wednesday	101, 109:1–4(5–19), 20–30		119:121–144
	Gen. 50:15–26	1 Cor. 12:1–11	Mark 8:11–26
Thursday	69:1–23(24–30), 31–38		73
	Exod. 1:6–22	1 Cor. 12:12–26	Mark 8:27—9:1
Friday	95 (1) *and* 102		107:1–32
	Exod. 2:1–22	1 Cor. 12:27—13:3	Mark 9:2–13
Saturday	107:33–43, 108:1–6(7–13)		33
	Exod. 2:23—3:15	1 Cor. 13:1–13	Mark 9:14–29

(1) For the Invitatory.

Year One

Week of 5 Lent

Sunday	118 Jer. 23:16–32	1 Cor. 9:19–27	145 Mark 8:31—9:1
Monday	31 Jer. 24:1–10	Rom. 9:19–33	35 John 9:1–17
Tuesday	[120], 121, 122, 123 Jer. 25:8–17	Rom. 10:1–13	124, 125, 126, [127] John 9:18–41
Wednesday	119:145–176 Jer. 25:30–38	Rom. 10:14–21	128, 129, 130 John 10:1–18
Thursday	131, 132, [133] Jer. 26:1–16	Rom. 11:1–12	140, 142 John 10:19–42
Friday	95 (1) *and* 22 Jer. 29:1, 4–13	Rom. 11:13–24	141, 143:1–11(12) John 11:1–27 *or* 12:1–10
Saturday	137:1–6(7–9), 144 Jer. 31:27–34	Rom. 11:25–36	42, 43 John 11:28–44 *or* 12:37–50

Holy Week

Palm Sunday	24, 29 Zech. 9:9–12 (2) Zech. 12:9–11, 13:1, 7–9 (3)		103 1 Tim. 6:12–16 (2) Matt. 21:12–17 (3)
Monday	51:1–18(19–20) Jer. 12:1–16	Phil. 3:1–14	69:1–23 John 12:9–19
Tuesday	6, 12 Jer. 15:10–21	Phil. 3:15–21	94 John 12:20–26
Wednesday	55 Jer. 17:5–10, 14–17	Phil. 4:1–13	74 John 12:27–36
Maundy Thursday	102 Jer. 20:7–11	1 Cor. 10:14–17; 11:27–32	142, 143 John 17:1–11(12–26)
Good Friday	95 (1) *and* 22 Wis. 1:16—2:1, 12–22 *or* Gen. 22:1–14	1 Peter 1:10–20	40:1–14(15–19), 54 John 13:36–38 (2) *or* John 19:38–42 (3)
Holy Saturday	95 (1) *and* 88 Job 19:21–27a	Heb. 4:1–16 (2)	27 Rom. 8:1–11 (3)

(1) For the Invitatory.
(2) Intended for use in the morning.
(3) Intended for use in the evening

Year Two

Week of 5 Lent

Sunday	118 Exod. 3:16—4:12	Rom. 12:1–21	145 John 8:46–59
Monday	31 Exod. 4:10–20(21–26), 27–31	1 Cor. 14:1–19	35 Mark 9:30–41
Tuesday	[120], 121, 122, 123 Exod. 5:1—6:1	1 Cor. 14:20–33a, 39–40	124, 125, 126, [127] Mark 9:42–50
Wednesday	119:145–176 Exod. 7:8–24	2 Cor. 2:14—3:6	128, 129, 130 Mark 10:1–16
Thursday	131, 132, [133] Exod. 7:25—8:19	2 Cor. 3:7–18	140, 142 Mark 10:17–31
Friday	95 (1) *and* 22 Exod. 9:13–35	2 Cor. 4:1–12	141, 143:1–11(12) Mark 10:32–45
Saturday	137:1–6(7–9), 144 Exod. 10:21—11:8	2 Cor. 4:13–18	42, 43 Mark 10:46–52

Holy Week

Palm Sunday	24, 29 Zech. 9:9–12 (2) Zech. 12:9–11; 13:1, 7–9 (3)		103 1 Tim. 6:12–16 (2) Luke 19:41–48 (3)
Monday	51:1–18(19–20) Lam. 1:1–2, 6–12	2 Cor. 1:1–7	69:1–23 Mark 11:12–25
Tuesday	6, 12 Lam. 1:17–22	2 Cor. 1:8–22	94 Mark 11:27–33
Wednesday	55 Lam. 2:1–9	2 Cor. 1:23—2:11	74 Mark 12:1–11
Maundy Thursday	102 Lam. 2:10–18	1 Cor. 10:14–17; 11:27–32	142, 143 Mark 14:12–25
Good Friday	95 (1) *and* 22 Lam. 3:1–9, 19–33	1 Pet. 1:10–20	40:1–14(15–19), 54 John 13:36–38 (2) John 19:38–42 (3)
Holy Saturday	95 (1) *and* 88 Lam. 3:37–58	Heb. 4:1–16 (2)	27 Rom. 8:1–11 (3)

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(2) Intended for use in the morning.
(3) Intended for use in the evening.

Year One

Easter Week

Easter Day	148, 149, 150 Exod. 12:1–14 (1) Isa. 51:9–11 (2)	———	113, 114, *or* 118 John 1:1–18 (1) Luke 24:13–35 *or* John 20:19–23 (2)
Monday	93, 98 Jonah 2:1–9	Acts 2:14, 22–32 (3)	66 John 14:1–14
Tuesday	103 Isa. 30:18–21	Acts 2:36–41(42–47) (3)	111, 114 John 14:15–31
Wednesday	97, 99 Micah 7:7–15	Acts 3:1–10 (3)	115 John 15:1–11
Thursday	146, 147 Ezek. 37:1–14	Acts 3:11–26 (3)	248, 149 John 15:12–27
Friday	136 Dan. 12:1–4, 13	Acts 4:1–12 (3)	118 John 16:1–15
Saturday	145 Isa. 25:1–9	Acts 4:13–21(22–31) (3)	104 John 16:16–33

Week of 2 Easter

Sunday	146, 147 Isa. 43:8–13	1 Pet. 2:2–10	211, 112, 113 John 14:1–7
Monday	1, 2, 3 Dan. 1:1–21	1 John 1:1–10	4, 7 John 17:1–11
Tuesday	5, 6 Dan. 2:1–16	1 John 2:1–11	10, 11 John 17:12–19
Wednesday	119:1–24 Dan. 2:17–30	1 John 2:12–17	12, 13, 14 John 17:20–26
Thursday	18:1–20 Dan. 2:31–49	1 John 2:18–29	18:21–50 Luke 3:1–14
Friday	16, 17 Dan. 3:1–18	1 John 3:1–10	234, 135 Luke 3:15–22
Saturday	20, 21:1–7(8–13) Dan. 3:19–30	1 John 3:11–18	110:1–5(6–7), 116, 117 Luke 4:1–13

(1) Intended for use in the morning.
(2) Intended for use in the evening.
(3) Duplicates the First Lesson at the Eucharist: readings from Year Two may be substituted.

Year Two

Easter Week

Easter Day	148, 149, 150 Exod. 12:1–14 (1) Isa. 51:9–11 (2)	———	113, 114, *or* 118 John 1:1–18 (1) Luke 24:13–35 *or* John 20:19–23 (2)
Monday	93, 98 Exod. 12:14–27	1 Cor. 15:1–11	66 Mark 16:1–8
Tuesday	103 Exod. 12:28–39	1 Cor. 15:12–28	111, 114 Mark 16:9–20
Wednesday	97, 99 Exod. 12:40–51	1 Cor. 15:(29), 30–41	115 Matt. 28:1–16
Thursday	146, 147 Exod. 13:3–10	1 Cor. 15:41–50	248, 149 Matt. 28:16–20
Friday	136 Exod. 13:1–2, 11–16	1 Cor. 15:51–58	118 Luke 24:1–12
Saturday	145 Exod. 13:17–14:4	2 Cor. 4:16–5:10	104 Mark 12:1, 8–27

Week of 2 Easter

Sunday	146, 147 Exod. 14:5–22	1 John 1:1–7	211, 112, 113 John 14:1–7
Monday	1, 2, 3 Exod. 14:21–31	1 Pet. 1:1–12	4, 7 John 14:(1–7), 8–17
Tuesday	5, 6 Exod. 15:1–21	1 Pet. 1:13–25	10, 11 John 14:18–31
Wednesday	119:1–24 Exod. 15:22–16:10	1 Pet. 2:1–10	12, 13, 14 John 15:1–11
Thursday	18:1–20 Exod. 16:10–22	1 Pet. 2:11–25	18:21–50 John 15:12–27
Friday	16, 17 Exod. 16:23–36	1 Pet. 3:13–4:6	234, 135 John 16:1–15
Saturday	20, 21:1–7(8–13) Exod. 17:1–16	1 Pet. 4:7–19	110:1–5(6–7), 116, 117 John 16:16–33

(1) Intended for use in the morning.
(2) Intended for use in the evening.

Year One

Week of 3 Easter

Sunday	148, 149, 150 Dan. 4:1–18	1 Pet. 4:7–11	114, 115 John 21:15–25
Monday	25 Dan. 4:19–27	1 John 3:19—4:6	9, 15 Luke 4:14–30
Tuesday	26, 28 Dan. 4:28–37	1 John 4:7–21	36, 39 Luke 4:31–37
Wednesday	38 Dan. 5:1–12	1 John 5:1–12	119:25–48 Luke 4:38–44
Thursday	37:1–18 Dan. 5:13–30	1 John 5:13–20(21)	37:19–42 Luke 5:1–11
Friday	105:1–22 Dan. 6:1–15	2 John 1–13	105:23–45 Luke 5:12–26
Saturday	30, 32 Dan. 6:16–28	3 John 1–15	42, 43 Luke 5:27–39

Week of 4 Easter

Sunday	63:1–8(9–11), 98 Wis. 1:1–15	1 Pet. 5:1–11	103 Matt. 7:15–29
Monday	41, 52 Wis. 1:16—2:11, 21–24	Col. 1:1–14	44 Luke 6:1–11
Tuesday	45 Wis. 3:1–9	Col. 1:15–23	47, 48 Luke 6:12–26
Wednesday	119:49–72 Wis. 4:16—5:8	Col. 1:24–2:7	49, [53] Luke 6:27–38
Thursday	50 Wis. 5:9–23	Col. 2:8–23	[59, 60] *or* 114, 115 Luke 6:39–49
Friday	40, 54 Wis. 6:12–23	Col. 3:1–11	51 Luke 7:1–17
Saturday	55 Wis. 7:1–14	Col. 3:12–17	138, 139:1–17(18–23) Luke 7:18–28(29–30), 31–35

Year Two

Week of 3 Easter

Sunday	148, 149, 150 Exod. 18:1–12	 1 John 2:7–17	114, 115 Mark 16:9–20
Monday	25 Exod. 18:13–27	 1 Pet. 5:1–14	9, 15 Matt. (1:1–17); 3:1–6
Tuesday	26, 28 Exod. 19:1–16	 Col. 1:1–14	36, 39 Matt. 3:7–12
Wednesday	38 Exod. 19:16–25	 Col. 1:15–23	119:25–48 Matt. 3:13–17
Thursday	37:1–18 Exod. 20:1–21	 Col. 1:24—2:7	37:19–42 Matt. 4:1–11
Friday	105:1–22 Exod. 24:1–18	 Col. 2:8–23	105: 23 –45 Matt. 4:12–17
Saturday	30, 32 Exod. 25:1–22	 Col. 3:1–17	42, 43 Matt. 4:18–25

Week of 4 Easter

Sunday	63:1–8(9–11), 98 Exod. 28:1–4, 30–38	 1 John 2:18–29	103 Mark 6:30–44
Monday	41, 52 Exod. 32:1–20	 Col. 3:18—4:6(7–18)	44 Matt. 5:1–10
Tuesday	45 Exod. 32:21–34	 1 Thess. 1:1–10	47, 48 Matt. 5:11–16
Wednesday	119:49–72 Exod. 33:1–23	 1 Thess. 2:1–12	49, [53] Matt. 5:17–20
Thursday	50 Exod. 34:1–17	 1 Thess. 2:13–20	[59, 60] *or* 114, 115 Matt. 5:21–26
Friday	40, 54 Exod. 34:18–35	 1 Thess. 3:1–13	51 Matt. 5:27–37
Saturday	55 Exod. 40:18–38	 1 Thess. 4:1–12	138, 139:1–17(18–23) Matt. 5:38–48

Year One

Week of 5 Easter

Sunday	24, 29 Wis. 7:22–8:1	 2 Thess. 2:13–17	8, 84 Matt. 7:7–14
Monday	56, 57, [58] Wis. 9:1, 7–18	 Col.(3:18—4:1), 2–18	64, 65 Luke 7:36–50
Tuesday	61, 62 Wis. 10:1–4(5–12), 13–21	 Rom. 12:1–21	68:1–20(21–23), 24–36 Luke 8:1–15
Wednesday	72 Wis. 13:1–9	 Rom. 13:1–14	119:73–96 Luke 8:16–25
Thursday	[70], 71 Wis. 14:27–15:3	 Rom. 14:1–12	74 Luke 8:26–39
Friday	106:1–18 Wis. 16:15—17:1	 Rom. 14:13–23	106:19–48 Luke 8:40–56
Saturday	75, 76 Wis. 19:1–8, 18–22	 Rom. 15:1–13	23, 27 Luke 9:1–17

Week of 6 Easter

Sunday	93, 96 Ecclus. 43:1–12, 27–32	 1 Tim. 3:14—4:5	34 Matt. 13:24–34a
Monday	80 Deut. 8:1–10	 James 1:1–15	77, [79] Luke 9:18–27
Tuesday	78:1–39 Deut. 8:11–20	 James 1:16–27	78:40–72 Luke 11:1–13
Wednesday	119:97–120 Baruch 3:24–37	 James 5:13–18	——— Luke 12:22–31
Eve of Ascension	———	 2 Kings 2:1–15	68:1–20 Rev. 5:1–14
Ascension Day	8, 47 Ezek. 1:1–14, 24–28b	 Heb. 2:5–18	24, 96 Matt. 28:16–20
Friday	85, 86 Ezek. 1:28—3:3	 Heb. 4:14—5:6	91, 92 Luke 9:28–36
Saturday	87, 90 Ezek. 3:4–17	 Heb. 5:7–14	136 Luke 9:37–50

Year Two

Week of 5 Easter

Sunday	24, 29 Lev. 8:1–13, 30–36	Heb. 12:1–14	8, 84 Luke 4:16–30
Monday	56, 57, [58] Lev. 16:1–19	1 Thess. 4:13–18	64, 65 Matt. 6:1–6, 16–18
Tuesday	61, 62 Lev. 16:20–34	1 Thess. 5:1–11	68:1–20(21–23), 24–36 Matt. 6:7–15
Wednesday	72 Lev. 19:1–18	1 Thess. 5:12–28	119:73–96 Matt. 6:19–24
Thursday	[70], 71 Lev. 19:26–37	2 Thess. 1:1–12	74 Matt. 6:25–34
Friday	106:1–18 Lev. 23:1–22	2 Thess. 2:1–17	106:19–48 Matt. 7:1–12
Saturday	75, 76 Lev. 23:23–44	2 Thess. 3:1–18	23, 27 Matt. 7:13–21

Week of 6 Easter

Sunday	93, 96 Lev. 25:1–17	James 1:2–8, 16–18	34 Luke 12:13–21
Monday	80 Lev. 25:35–55	Col. 1:9–14	77, [79] Matt. 13:1–16
Tuesday	78:1–39 Lev. 26:1–20	1 Tim. 2:1–6	78:40–72 Matt. 13:18–23
Wednesday	119:97–120 Lev. 26:27–42	Eph. 1:1–10	81, 82 Matt. 22:41–46
Eve of Ascension	———	2 Kings 2:1–15	68:1–20 Rev. 5:1–14
Ascension Day	8, 47 Dan. 7:9–14	Heb. 2:5–18	24, 96 Matt. 28:16–20
Friday	85, 86 1 Sam. 2:1–10	Eph. 2:1–10	91, 92 Matt. 7:22–27
Saturday	87, 90 Num. 11:16–17, 24–29	Eph. 2:11–22	136 Matt. 7:28—8:4

Year One

Week of 7 Easter

Sunday	66, 67		29, 46
	Ezek. 3:16–27	Eph. 2:1–10	Matt. 10:24–33, 40–42
Monday	89:1–18		89:19–52
	Ezek. 4:1–17	Heb. 6:1–12	Luke 9:51–62
Tuesday	97, 99, [100]		94, [95]
	Ezek. 7:10–15, 23b–27	Heb. 6:13–20	Luke 10:1–17
Wednesday	101, 109:1–4(5–19), 20–30		119:121–144
	Ezek. 11:14–25	Heb. 7:1–17	Luke 10:17–24
Thursday	105:1–22		105:23–45
	Ezek. 18:1–4, 19–32	Heb. 7:18–28	Luke 10:25–37
Friday	102		107:1–32
	Ezek. 34:17–31	Heb. 8:1–13	Luke 10:38–42
Saturday	107:33–43, 108:1–6(7–13)		———
	Ezek. 43:1–12	Heb. 9:1–14	Luke 11:14–23
Eve of Pentecost	———		33
		Exod. 19:3–8a, 16–20	1 Pet. 2:4–10

YEAR TWO

Week of 7 Easter

Sunday	66, 67		29, 46
	Exod. 3:1–12	Heb. 12:18–29	Luke 10:17–24
Monday	89:1–18		89:19–52
	Joshua 1:1–9	Eph. 3:1–13	Matt. 8:5–17
Tuesday	97, 99, [100]		94, [95]
	1 Sam. 16:1–13a	Eph. 3:14–21	Matt. 8:18–27
Wednesday	101, 109:1–4(5–19), 20–30		119:121–144
	Isa. 4:2–6	Eph. 4:1–16	Matt. 8:28–34
Thursday	105:1–22		105: 23–45
	Zech. 4:1–14	Eph. 4:17–32	Matt. 9:1–8
Friday	102		107:1–32
	Jer. 31:27–34	Eph. 5:1–20	Matt. 9:9–17
Saturday	107:33–43, 108:1–6(7–13)		———
	Ezek. 36:22–27	Eph. 6:10–24	Matt. 9:18–26
Eve of	———		33
Pentecost		Exod. 19:3–8a, 16–20	1 Pet. 2:4–10

Year One

Pentecost and Following

The Day of Pentecost	118 Isa. 11:1–9	1 Cor. 2:1–13	145 John 14:21–29

On the weekdays which follow, the Readings are taken from the numbered Proper (one through six) which corresponds most closely to the date of Pentecost.

Eve of Trinity Sunday	———	Ecclus. 42:15–25	104 Eph. 3:14–21
Trinity Sunday	146, 147 Ecclus. 43:1–12(27–33)	Eph. 4:1–16	211, 112, 113 John 1:1–18

On the weekdays which follow, the Readings are taken from the numbered Proper (two through seven) which corresponds most closely to the date of Trinity Sunday.

Eve of Body and Blood of Christ	———	1 Kings 19:4–8	145 Luke 9:11b–17
Body and Blood of Christ	78:1–8, 18–29 Exod. 16:2–4, 12–15	Acts 2:42–47	23, 34:1–10 John 6:41–51a

On the weekdays which follow, the Readings are taken from the numbered Proper (three through eight) which corresponds most closely to the date of Body and Blood of Christ.

Eve of Sacred Heart	———	Deut. 10:12–22	25 John 15:9–17
Sacred Heart	33 Exod. 34:4b–6, 8–9	Eph. 1:3–10	34 John 17:20–26

Year Two

Pentecost and Following

The Day of Pentecost	118 Deut. 16:9–12	Acts 4:18–21, 23–33	145 John 4:19–26

On the weekdays which follow, the Readings are taken from the numbered Proper (one through six) which corresponds most closely to the date of Pentecost.

Eve of Trinity Sunday	———	Ecclus. 42:15–25	104 Eph. 3:14–21
Trinity Sunday	146, 147 Job 38:1–11; 42:1–5	Rev. 19:4–16	211, 112, 113 John 1:29–34

On the weekdays which follow, the Readings are taken from the numbered Proper (two through seven) which corresponds most closely to the date of Trinity Sunday.

Eve of Body and Blood of Christ	———	Exod. 24:1–11	111 John 6:1–15
Body and Blood of Christ	42 Prov. 9:1–6	Acts 10:34a, 37–43	48 John 6:24–35

On the weekdays which follow, the Readings are taken from the numbered Proper (three through eight) which corresponds most closely to the date of Body and Blood of Christ.

Eve of Sacred Heart	———	Isa. 49:13–15	113, 146 John 10:11–18
Sacred Heart	110:1–5, 7; 111 Jer. 31:1–4	Rom. 8: 28–39	36 John 15:9–17

Year One

The Season after Pentecost

Proper 1 *Week of the Sunday closest to May 11*

Monday	106:1–18 Isa. 63:7–14	 2 Tim. 1:1–14	106:19–48 Luke 11:24–36
Tuesday	[120], 121, 122, 123 Isa. 63:15—64:9	 2 Tim. 1:15–2:13	124, 125, 126, [127] Luke 11:37–52
Wednesday	119:145–176 Isa. 65:1–12	 2 Tim. 2:14–26	128, 129, 130 Luke 11:53–12:12
Thursday	131, 132, [133] Isa. 65:17–25	 2 Tim. 3:1–17	134, 135 Luke 12:13–31
Friday	140, 142 Isa. 66:1–6	 2 Tim. 4:1–8	141, 143:1–11(12) Luke 12:32–48
Saturday	137:1–6(7–9), 144 Isa. 66:7–14	 2 Tim. 4:9–22	104 Luke 12:49–59

Proper 2 *Week of the Sunday closest to May 18*

Monday	1, 2, 3 Ruth 1:1–18	 1 Tim. 1:1–17	4, 7 Luke 13:1–9
Tuesday	5, 6 Ruth 1:19—2:13	 1 Tim. 1:18—2:8	10, 11 Luke 13:10–17
Wednesday	119:1–24 Ruth 2:14–23	 1 Tim. 3:1–16	12, 13, 14 Luke 13:18–30
Thursday	18:1–20 Ruth 3:1–18	 1 Tim. 4:1–16	18:21–50 Luke 13:31–35
Friday	16, 17 Ruth 4:1–17	 1 Tim. 5:17–22(23–25)	22 Luke 14:1–11
Saturday	20, 21:1–7(8–13) Deut. 1:1–8	 1 Tim. 6:6–21	110:1–5(6–7), 116, 117 Luke 14:12–24

Year Two

The Season after Pentecost

Proper 1 *Week of the Sunday closest to May 11*

Monday	106:1–18 Ezek. 33:1–11	 1 John 1:1–10	106:19–48 Matt. 9:27–34
Tuesday	[120], 121, 122, 123 Ezek. 33:21–33	 1 John 2:1–11	124, 125, 126, [127] Matt. 9:35–10:4
Wednesday	119:145–176 Ezek. 34:1–16	 1 John 2:12–17	128, 129, 130 Matt. 10:5–15
Thursday	131, 132, [133] Ezek. 37:21b–28	 1 John 2:18–29	134, 135 Matt. 10:16–23
Friday	140, 142 Ezek. 39:21–29	 1 John 3:1–10	141, 143:1–11(12) Matt. 10:24–33
Saturday	137:1–6(7–9); 144 Ezek. 47:1–12	 1 John 3:11–18	104 Matt. 10:34–42

Proper 2 *Week of the Sunday closest to May 18*

Monday	1, 2, 3 Prov. 3:11–20	 1 John 3:18—4:6	4, 7 Matt. 11:1–6
Tuesday	5, 6 Prov. 4:1–27	 1 John 4:7–21	10, 11 Matt. 11:7–15
Wednesday	119:1–24 Prov. 6:1–19	 1 John 5:1–12	12, 13, 14 Matt. 11:16–24
Thursday	18:1–20 Prov. 7:1–27	 1 John 5:13–21	18:21–50 Matt. 11:25–30
Friday	16, 17 Prov. 8:1–21	 2 John 1–13	22 Matt. 12:1–14
Saturday	20, 21:1–7(8–13) Prov. 8:22–36	 3 John 1–15	110:1–5(6–7), 116, 117 Matt. 12:15–21

Year One

Proper 3 *Week of the Sunday closest to May 25*

Sunday	148, 149, 150 Deut. 4:1–9	 Rev. 7:1–4, 9–17	114, 115 Matt. 12:33–45
Monday	25 Deut. 4:9–14	 2 Cor. 1:1–11	9, 15 Luke 14:25–35
Tuesday	26, 28 Deut. 4:15–24	 2 Cor. 1:12–22	36, 39 Luke 15:1–10
Wednesday	38 Deut. 4:25–31	 2 Cor. 1:23—2:17	119:25–48 Luke 15:1–2, 11–32
Thursday	37:1–18 Deut. 4:32–40	 2 Cor. 3:1–18	37:19–42 Luke 16:1–9
Friday	31 Deut. 5:1–22	 2 Cor. 4:1–12	35 Luke 16:10–17(18)
Saturday	30, 32 Deut. 5:22–33	 2 Cor. 4:13—5:10	42, 43 Luke 16:19–31

Proper 4 *Week of the Sunday closest to June 1*

Sunday	63:1–8(9–11), 98 Deut. 11:1–12	 Rev. 10:1–11	103 Matt. 13:44–58
Monday	41, 52 Deut. 11:13–19	 2 Cor. 5:11–6:2	44 Luke 17:1–10
Tuesday	45 Deut. 12:1–12	 2 Cor. 6:3–13(14—7:1)	47, 48 Luke 17:11–19
Wednesday	119:49–72 Deut. 13:1–11	 2 Cor. 7:2–16	49, [53] Luke 17:20–37
Thursday	50 Deut. 16:18–20; 17:14–20	 2 Cor. 8:1–16	[59, 60] *or* 8, 84 Luke 18:1–8
Friday	40, 54 Deut. 26:1–11	 2 Cor. 8:16–24	51 Luke 18:9–14
Saturday	55 Deut. 29:2–15	 2 Cor. 9:1–15	138, 139:1–17(18–23) Luke 18:15–30

Year Two

Proper 3 *Week of the Sunday closest to May 25*

Sunday	148, 149, 150 Prov. 9:1–12	 Acts 8:14–25	114, 115 Luke 10:25–28, 38–42
Monday	25 Prov. 10:1–12	 1 Tim. 1:1–17	9, 15 Matt. 12:22–32
Tuesday	26, 28 Prov. 15:16–33	 1 Tim. 1:18—2:8	36, 39 Matt. 12:33–42
Wednesday	38 Prov. 17:1–20	 1 Tim. 3:1–16	119:25–48 Matt. 12:43–50
Thursday	37:1–18 Prov. 21:30—22:6	 1 Tim. 4:1–16	37:19–42 Matt. 13:24–30
Friday	31 Prov. 23:19–21, 29—24:2	 1 Tim. 5:17–22(23–25)	35 Matt. 13:31–35
Saturday	30, 32 Prov. 25:15–28	 1 Tim. 6:6–21	42, 43 Matt. 13:36–43

Proper 4 *Week of the Sunday closest to June 1*

Sunday	63:1–8(9–11), 98 Eccles. 1:1–11	 Acts 8:26–40	103 Luke 11:1–13
Monday	41, 52 Eccles. 2:1–15	 Gal. 1:1–17	44 Matt. 13:44–52
Tuesday	45 Eccles. 2:16–26	 Gal. 1:18—2:10	47, 48 Matt. 13:53–58
Wednesday	119:49–72 Eccles. 3:1–15	 Gal. 2:11–21	49, [53] Matt. 14:1–12
Thursday	50 Eccles. 3:16—4:3	 Gal. 3:1–14	[59, 60] *or* 8, 84 Matt. 14:13–21
Friday	40, 54 Eccles. 5:1–7	 Gal. 3:15–22	51 Matt. 14:22–36
Saturday	55 Eccles. 5:8–20	 Gal. 3:23—4:11	138, 139:1–17(18–23) Matt. 15:1–20

Year One

Proper 5 *Week of the Sunday closest to June 8*

Sunday	24, 29 Deut. 29:16–29	Rev. 12:1–12	8, 84 Matt. 15:29–39
Monday	56, 57, [58] Deut. 30:1–10	2 Cor. 10:1–18	64, 65 Luke 18:31–43
Tuesday	61, 62 Deut. 30:11–20	2 Cor. 11:1–21a	68:1–20(21–23), 24–36 Luke 19:1–10
Wednesday	72 Deut. 31:30—32:14	2 Cor. 11:21b–33	119:73–96 Luke 19:11–27
Thursday	[70], 71 Ecclus. 44:19—45:5	2 Cor. 12:1–10	74 Luke 19:28–40
Friday	69:1–23(24–30), 31–38 Ecclus. 45:6–16	2 Cor. 12:11–21	73 Luke 19:41–48
Saturday	75, 76 Ecclus. 46:1–10	2 Cor. 13:1–14	23, 27 Luke 20:1–8

Proper 6 *Week of the Sunday closest to June 15*

Sunday	93, 96 Ecclus. 46:11–20	Rev. 15:1–8	34 Matt. 18:1–14
Monday	80 1 Sam. 1:1–20	Acts 1:1–14	77, [79] Luke 20:9–19
Tuesday	78:1–39 1 Sam. 1:21—2:11	Acts 1:15–26	78:40–72 Luke 20:19–26
Wednesday	119:97–120 1 Sam. 2:12–26	Acts 2:1–21	81, 82 Luke 20:27–40
Thursday	[83] *or* 34 1 Sam. 2:27–36	Acts 2:22–36	85, 86 Luke 20:41—21:4
Friday	88 1 Sam. 3:1–21	Acts 2:37–47	91, 92 Luke 21:5–19
Saturday	87, 90 1 Sam. 4:1b–11	Acts 4:32—5:11	136 Luke 21:20–28

Year Two

Proper 5 *Week of the Sunday closest to June 8*

Sunday	24, 29		8, 84
	Eccles. 6:1–12	Acts 10:9–23	Luke 12:32–40
Monday	56, 57, [58]		64, 65
	Eccles. 7:1–14	Gal. 4:12–20	Matt. 15:21–2
Tuesday	61, 62		68:1–20(21–23), 24–36
	Eccles. 8:14–9:10	Gal. 4:21–31	Matt. 15:29–39
Wednesday	72		119:73–96
	Eccles. 9:11–18	Gal. 5:1–15	Matt. 16:1–12
Thursday	[70], 71		74
	Eccles. 11:1–8	Gal. 5:16–24	Matt. 16:13–20
Friday	69:1–23(24–30), 31–38		73
	Eccles. 11:9—12:14	Gal. 5:25—6:10	Matt. 16:21–28
Saturday	75, 76		23, 27
	Num. 3:1–13	Gal. 6:11–18	Matt. 17:1–13

Proper 6 *Week of the Sunday closest to June 15*

Sunday	93, 96		34
	Num. 6:22–27	Acts 13:1–12	Luke 12:41–48
Monday	80		77, [79]
	Num. 9:15–23; 10:29–36	Rom. 1:1–15	Matt. 17:14–21
Tuesday	78:1–39		78:40–72
	Num. 11:1–23	Rom. 1:16–25	Matt. 17:22–27
Wednesday	119:97–120		81, 82
	Num. 11:24–33(34–35)	Rom. 1:28—2:11	Matt. 18:1–9
Thursday	[83] *or* 34		85, 86
	Num. 12:1–16	Rom. 2:12–24	Matt. 18:10–20
Friday	88		91, 92
	Num. 13:1–3, 21–30	Rom. 2:25–3:8	Matt. 18:21–35
Saturday	87, 90		136
	Num. 13:31–14:25	Rom. 3:9–20	Matt. 19:1–12

Year One

Proper 7 *Week of the Sunday closest to June 22*

Sunday	66, 67 1 Sam. 4:12–22	James 1:1–18	29, 46 Matt. 19:23–30
Monday	89:1–18 1 Sam. 5:1–12	Acts 5:12–26	89:19–52 Luke 21:29–36
Tuesday	97, 99, [100] 1 Sam. 6:1–16	Acts 5:27–42	94, [95] Luke 21:37—22:13
Wednesday	101, 109:1–4(5–19), 20–30 1 Sam. 7:2–17	Acts 6:1–15	119:121–144 Luke 22:14–23
Thursday	105:1–22 1 Sam. 8:1–22	Acts 6:15—7:16	105:23–45 Luke 22:24–30
Friday	102 1 Sam. 9:1–14	Acts 7:17–29	107:1–32 Luke 22:31–38
Saturday	107:33–43, 108:1–6(7–13) 1 Sam. 9:15—10:1	Acts 7:30–43	33 Luke 22:39–51

Proper 8 *Week of the Sunday closest to June 29*

Sunday	118 1 Sam. 10:1–16	Rom. 4:13–25	145 Matt. 21:23–32
Monday	106:1–18 1 Sam. 10:17–27	Acts 7:44—8:1a	106:19–48 Luke 22:52–62
Tuesday	[120], 121, 122, 123 1 Sam. 11:1–15	Acts 8:1–13	124, 125, 126, [127] Luke 22:63–71
Wednesday	119:145–176 1 Sam. 12:1–6, 16–25	Acts 8:14–25	128, 129, 130 Luke 23:1–12
Thursday	131, 132, [133] 1 Sam. 13:5–18	Acts 8:26–40	134, 135 Luke 23:13–25
Friday	140, 142 1 Sam. 13:19—14:15	Acts 9:1–9	141, 143:1–11(12) Luke 23:26–31
Saturday	137:1–6(7–9), 144 1 Sam. 14:16–30	Acts 9:10–19a	104 Luke 23:32–43

Year Two

Proper 7 *Week of the Sunday closest to June 22*

Sunday	66, 67		29, 46
	Num. 14:26–45	Acts 15:1–12	Luke 12:49–56
Monday	89:1–18		89:19–52
	Num. 16:1–19	Rom. 3:21–31	Matt. 19:13–22
Tuesday	97, 99, [100]		94, [95]
	Num. 16:20–35	Rom. 4:1–12	Matt. 19:23–30
Wednesday	101, 109: 1–4(5–19), 20–30		119: 121–144
	Num. 16: 36–50	Rom. 4:13–25	Matt. 20:1–16
Thursday	105:1–22		105:23–45
	Num. 17:1–11	Rom. 5:1–11	Matt. 20:17–28
Friday	102		107:1–32
	Num. 20:1–13	Rom. 5:12–21	Matt. 20:29–34
Saturday	107:33–43, 108:1–6(7–13)		33
	Num. 20:14–29	Rom. 6:1–11	Matt. 21:1–11

Proper 8 *Week of the Sunday closest to June 29*

Sunday	118		145
	Num. 21:4–9, 21–35	Acts 17:(12–21), 22–34	Luke 13:10–17
Monday	106:1–18		106:19–48
	Num. 22:1–21	Rom. 6:12–23	Matt. 21:12–22
Tuesday	[120], 121, 122, 123		124, 125, 126, [127]
	Num. 22:21–38	Rom. 7:1–12	Matt. 21:23–32
Wednesday	119:145–176		128, 129, 130
	Num. 22:41—23:12	Rom. 7:13–25	Matt. 21:33–46
Thursday	131, 132, [133]		134, 135
	Num. 23:11–26	Rom. 8:1–11	Matt. 22:1–14
Friday	140, 142		141, 143:1–11(12)
	Num. 24:1–13	Rom. 8:12–17	Matt. 22:15–22
Saturday	137:1–6(7–9), 144		104
	Num. 24:12–25	Rom. 8:18–25	Matt. 22:23–40

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Proper 9 *Week of the Sunday closest to July 6*

Sunday	146, 147		211, 112, 113
	1 Sam. 14:36–45	Rom. 5:1–11	Matt. 22:1–14
Monday	1, 2, 3		4, 7
	Sam. 15:1–3, 7–23	Acts 9:19b–31	Luke 23:44–56a
Tuesday	5, 6		10, 11
	1 Sam. 15:24–35	Acts 9:32–43	Luke 23:56b—24:11
Wednesday	119:1–24		12, 13, 14
	1 Sam. 16:1–13	Acts 10:1–16	Luke 24:12–35
Thursday	18:1–20		18:21–50
	1 Sam. 16:14—17:11	Acts 10:17–33	Luke 24:36–53
Friday	16, 17		22
	1 Sam. 17:17–30	Acts 10:34–48	Mark 1:1–13
Saturday	20, 21:1–7(8–13)		110:1–5(6–7), 116, 117
	1 Sam. 17:31–49	Acts 11:1–18	Mark 1:14–28

Proper 10 *Week of the Sunday closest to July 13*

Sunday	148, 149, 150		114, 115
	1 Sam. 17:50—18:4	Rom. 10:4–17	Matt. 23:29–39
Monday	25		9, 15
	1 Sam. 18:5–16, 27b–30	Acts 11:19–30	Mark 1:29–45
Tuesday	26, 28		36, 39
	1 Sam. 19:1–18	Acts 12:1–17	Mark 2:1–12
Wednesday	38		119:25–48
	1 Sam. 20:1–23	Acts 12:18–25	Mark 2:13–22
Thursday	37:1–18		37:19–42
	1 Sam. 20:24–42	Acts 13:1–12	Mark 2:23—3:6
Friday	31		35
	1 Sam. 21:1–15	Acts 13:13–25	Mark 3:7–19a
Saturday	30, 32		42, 43
	1 Sam. 22:1–23	Acts 13:26–43	Mark 3:19b–35

Year Two

Proper 9 *Week of the Sunday closest to July 6*

Sunday	146, 147 Num. 27:12–23	 Acts 19:11–20	211, 112, 113 Mark 1:14–20
Monday	1, 2, 3 Num. 32:1–6, 16–27	 Rom. 8:26–30	4, 7 Mark. 23:1–12
Tuesday	5, 6 Num. 35:1–3, 9–15, 30–34	 Rom. 8:31–39	10, 11 Matt. 23:13–26
Wednesday	119:1–24 Deut. 1:1–18	 Rom. 9:1–18	12, 13, 14 Matt. 23:27–39
Thursday	18:1–20 Deut. 3:18–28	 Rom. 9:19–33	18:21–50 Matt. 24:1–14
Friday	16, 17 Deut. 31:7–13, 24—32:4	 Rom. 10:1–13	22 Matt. 24:15–31
Saturday	20, 21:1–7(8–13) Deut. 34:1–12	 Rom. 10:14–21	110:1–5(6–7), 116, 117 Matt. 24:32–51

Proper 10 *Week of the Sunday closest to July 13*

Sunday	148, 149, 150 Joshua 1:1–18	 Acts 21:3–15	114, 115 Mark 1:21–27
Monday	25 Joshua 2:1–14	 Rom. 11:1–12	9, 15 Matt. 25:1–13
Tuesday	26, 28 Joshua 2:15–24	 Rom. 11:13–24	36, 39 Matt. 25:14–30
Wednesday	38 Joshua 3:1–13	 Rom. 11:25–36	119:25–48 Matt. 25:31–46
Thursday	37:1–18 Joshua 3:14—4:7	 Rom. 12:1–8	37:19–42 Matt. 26:1–16
Friday	31 Joshua 4:19—5:1, 10–15	 Rom. 12:9–21	35 Matt. 26:17–25
Saturday	30, 32 Joshua 6:1–14	 Rom. 13:1–7	42, 43 Matt. 26:26–35

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Proper 11 *Week of the Sunday closest to July 20*

Sunday	63:1–8(9–11), 98		103
	1 Sam. 23:7–18	Rom. 11:33—12:2	Matt. 25:14–30
Monday	41, 52		44
	1 Sam. 24:1–22	Acts 13:44–52	Mark 4:1–20
Tuesday	45		47, 48
	1 Sam. 25:1–22	Acts 14:1–18	Mark 4:21–34
Wednesday	119:49–72		49, [53]
	1 Sam. 25:23–44	Acts 14:19–28	Mark 4:35–41
Thursday	50		[59, 60] *or* 66, 67
	1 Sam. 28:3–20	Acts 15:1–11	Mark 5:1–20
Friday	40, 54		51
	1 Sam. 31:1–13	Acts 15:12–21	Mark 5:21–43
Saturday	55		138, 139:1–17(18–23)
	2 Sam. 1:1–16	Acts 15:22–35	Mark 6:1–13

Proper 12 *Week of the Sunday closest to July 27*

Sunday	24, 29		8, 84
	2 Sam. 1:17–27	Rom. 12:9–21	Matt. 25:31–46
Monday	56, 57, [58]		64, 65
	2 Sam. 2:1–11	Acts 15:36—16:5	Mark 6:14–29
Tuesday	61, 62		68:1–20(21–23), 24–36
	2 Sam. 3:6–21	Acts 16:6–15	Mark 6:30–46
Wednesday	72		119:73–96
	2 Sam. 3:22–39	Acts 16:16–24	Mark 6:47–56
Thursday	[70], 71		74
	2 Sam. 4:1–12	Acts 16:25–40	Mark 7:1–23
Friday	69:1–23(24–30), 31–38		73
	2 Sam. 5:1–12	Acts 17:1–15	Mark 7:24–37
Saturday	75, 76		23, 27
	2 Sam. 5:22—6:11	Acts 17:16–34	Mark 8:1–10

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Proper 11 *Week of the Sunday closest to July 20*

Sunday	63:1–8(9–11), 98		103
	Joshua 6:15–27	Acts 22:30–23:11	Mark 2:1–12
Monday	41, 52		44
	Joshua 7:1–13	Rom. 13:8–14	Matt. 26:36–46
Tuesday	45		47, 48
	Joshua 8:1–22	Rom. 14:1–12	Matt. 26:47–56
Wednesday	119:49–72		49, [53]
	Joshua 8:30–35	Rom. 14:13–23	Matt. 26:57–68
Thursday	50		[59, 60] *or* 66, 67
	Joshua 9:3–21	Rom. 15:1–13	Matt. 26:69–75
Friday	40, 54		51
	Joshua 9:22—10:15	Rom. 15:14–24	Matt. 27:1–10
Saturday	55		138, 139:1–17(18–23)
	Joshua 23:1–16	Rom. 15:25–33	Matt. 27:11–23

Proper 12 *Week of the Sunday closest to July 27*

Sunday	24, 29		8, 84
	Joshua 24:1–15	Acts 28:23–31	Mark 2:23–28
Monday	56, 57, [58]		64, 65
	Joshua 24:16–33	Rom. 16:1–16	Matt. 27:24–31
Tuesday	61, 62		68:1–20(21–23), 24–36
	Judges 2:1–5, 11–23	Rom. 16:17–27	Matt. 27:32–44
Wednesday	72		119:73–96
	Judges 3:12–30	Acts 1:1–14	Matt. 27:45–54
Thursday	[70], 71		74
	Judges 4:4–23	Acts 1:15–26	Matt. 27:55–66
Friday	69:1–23(24–30), 31–38		73
	Judges 5:1–18	Acts 2:1–21	Matt. 28:1–10
Saturday	75, 76		23, 27
	Judges 5:19–31	Acts 2:22–36	Matt. 28:11–20

Year One

Proper 13 *Week of the Sunday closest to August 3*

Sunday	93, 96		34
	2 Sam. 6:12–23	Rom. 14:7–12	John 1:43–51
Monday	80		77, [79]
	2 Sam. 7:1–17	Acts 18:1–11	Mark 8:11–21
Tuesday	78:1–39		78:40–72
	2 Sam. 7:18–29	Acts 18:12–28	Mark. 8:22–33
Wednesday	119:97–120		81, 82
	2 Sam. 9:1–13	Acts 19:1–10	Mark 8:34–9:1
Thursday	[83] *or* 145		85, 86
	2 Sam. 11:1–27	Acts 19:11–20	Mark 9:2–13
Friday	88		91, 92
	2 Sam. 12:1–14	Acts 19:21–41	Mark 9:14–29
Saturday	87, 90		136
	2 Sam. 12:15–31	Acts 20:1–16	Mark 9:30–41

Proper 14 *Week of the Sunday closest to August 10*

Sunday	66, 67		29, 46
	2 Sam. 13:1–22	Rom. 15:1–13	John 3:22–36
Monday	89:1–18		89:19–52
	2 Sam. 13:23–39	Acts 20:17–38	Mark 9:42–50
Tuesday	97, 99, [100]		94, [95]
	2 Sam. 14:1–20	Acts 21:1–14	Mark 10:1–16
Wednesday	101, 109:1–4(5–19), 20–30		119:121–144
	2 Sam. 14:21–33	Acts 21:15–26	Mark 10:17–31
Thursday	105:1–22		105:23–45
	2 Sam. 15:1–18	Acts 21: 27–36	Mark 10:32–45
Friday	102		107:1–32
	2 Sam. 15:19–37	Acts 21:37—22:16	Mark 10:46–52
Saturday	107:33–43, 108:1–6(7–13)		33
	2 Sam. 16:1–23	Acts 22:17–29	Mark 11:1–11

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Proper 13 *Week of the Sunday closest to August 3*

Sunday	93, 96 Judges 6:1–24	2 Cor. 9:6–15	34 Mark 3:20–30
Monday	80 Judges 6:25–40	Acts 2:37–47	77, [79] John 1:1–18
Tuesday	78:1–39 Judges 7:1–18	Acts 3:1–11	78:40–72 John 1:19–28
Wednesday	119:97–120 Judges 7:19—8:12	Acts 3:12–26	81, 82 John 1:29–42
Thursday	[83] *or* 145 Judges 8:22–35	Acts 4:1–12	85, 86 John 1:43–51
Friday	88 Judges 9:1–16, 19–21	Acts 4:13–31	91, 92 John 2:1–12
Saturday	87, 90 Judges 9:22–25, 50–57	Acts 4:32—5:11	136 John 2:13–25

Proper 14 *Week of the Sunday closest to August 10*

Sunday	66, 67 Judges 11:1–11, 29–40	2 Cor. 11:21b–31	29, 46 Mark 4:35–41
Monday	89:1–18 Judges 12:1–7	Acts 5:12–26	89:19–52 John 3:1–21
Tuesday	97, 99, [100] Judges 13:1–15	Acts 5:27–42	94, [95] John 3:22–36
Wednesday	101, 109:1–4(5–19), 20–30 Judges 13:15–24	Acts 6:1–15	119:121–144 John 4:1–26
Thursday	105:1–22 Judges 14:1–19	Acts 6:15—7:16	105:23–45 John 4:27–42
Friday	102 Judges 14:20–15:20	Acts 7:17–29	107:1–32 John 4:43–54
Saturday	107:33–43, 108:1–6(7–13) Judges 16:1–14	Acts 7:30–43	33 John 5:1–18

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Proper 15 *Week of the Sunday closest to August 17*

Sunday	118 2 Sam. 17:1–23	Gal. 3:6–14	145 John 5:30–47
Monday	106:1–18 2 Sam. 17:24—18:8	Acts 22:30—23:11	106:19–48 Mark 11:12–26
Tuesday	[120], 121, 122, 123 2 Sam. 18:9–18	Acts 23:12–24	124, 125, 126, [127] Mark 11:27—12:12
Wednesday	119:145–176 2 Sam. 18:19–33	Acts 23:23–35	128, 129, 130 Mark 12:13–27
Thursday	131, 132, [133] 2 Sam. 19:1–23	Acts 24:1–23	134, 135 Mark 12:28–34
Friday	140, 142 2 Sam. 19:24–43	Acts 24:24—25:12	141, 143:1–11(12) Mark 12:35–44
Saturday	137:1–6(7–9), 144 2 Sam. 23:1–7, 13–17	Acts 25:13–27	104 Mark 13:1–13

Proper 16 *Week of the Sunday closest to August 24*

Sunday	146, 147 2 Sam. 24:1–2, 10–25	Gal. 3:23–4:7	211 , 112, 113 John 8:12–20
Monday	1, 2, 3 1 Kings 1:5–31	Acts 26:1–23	4, 7 Mark 13:14–27
Tuesday	5, 6 1 Kings 1:38—2:4	Acts 26:24—27:8	10, 11 Mark 13:28–37
Wednesday	119:1–24 1 Kings 3:1–15	Acts 27:9–26	12, 13, 14 Mark 14:1–10
Thursday	18:1–20 1 Kings 3:16–28	Acts 27:27–44	18:21–50 Mark 14:12–26
Friday	16, 17 1 Kings 5:1—6:1, 7	Acts 28:1–16	22 Mark 14:27–42
Saturday	20, 21:1–7(8–13) 1 Kings 7:51—8:21	Acts 28:17–31	110:1–5(6–7), 116, 117 Mark 14:43–52

Year Two

Proper 15 *Week of the Sunday closest to August 17*

Sunday	118		145
	Judges 16:15–31	2 Cor. 13:1–11	Mark 5:25–34
Monday	106:1–18		106:19–48
	Judges 17:1–13	Acts 7:44—8:1a	John 5:19–29
Tuesday	[120], 121, 122, 123		124, 125, 126, [127]
	Judges 18:1–15	Acts 8:1–13	John 5:30–47
Wednesday	119:145–176		128, 129, 130
	Judges 18:16–31	Acts 8:14–25	John 6:1–15
Thursday	131, 132, [133]		134, 135
	Job 1:1–22	Acts 8:26–40	John 6:16–27
Friday	140, 142		141, 143:1–11(12)
	Job 2:1–13	Acts 9:1–9	John 6:27–40
Saturday	137:1–6(7–9), 144		104
	Job 3:1–26	Acts 9:10–19a	John 6:41–51

Proper 16 *Week of the Sunday closest to August 24*

Sunday	146, 147		211, 112, 113
	Job 4:1–6, 12–21	Rev. 4:1–11	Mark 6:1–6a
Monday	1, 2, 3		4, 7
	Job 4:1; 5:1–11, 17–21, 26–27	Acts 9:19b–31	John 6:52–59
Tuesday	5, 6		10, 11
	Job 6:1–4, 8–15, 21	Acts 9:32–43	John 6:60–71
Wednesday	119:1–24		12, 13, 14
	Job 6:1; 7:1–21	Acts 10:1–16	John 7:1–13
Thursday	18:1–20		18:21–50
	Job 8:1–10, 20–22	Acts 10:17–33	John 7:14–36
Friday	16, 17		22
	Job 9:1–15, 32–35	Acts 10:34–48	John 7:37–52
Saturday	20, 21:1–7(8–13)		110:1–5(6–7), 116, 117
	Job 9:1; 10:1–9, 16–22	Acts 11:1–18	John 8:12–20

Year One

Proper 17 *Week of the Sunday closest to August 31*

Sunday	148, 149, 150 1 Kings 8:22–30(31–40)	1 Tim. 4:7b–16	114, 115 John 8:47–59
Monday	25 2 Chron. 6:32—7:7	James 2:1–13	9, 15 Mark 14:53–65
Tuesday	26, 28 1 Kings 8:65—9:9	James 2:14–26	36, 39 Mark 14:66–72
Wednesday	38 1 Kings 9:24—10:13	James 3:1–12	119:25–48 Mark 15:1–11
Thursday	37:1–18 1 Kings 11:1–13	James 3:13—4:12	37:19–42 Mark 15:12–21
Friday	31 1 Kings 11:26–43	James 4:13—5:6	35 Mark 15:22–32
Saturday	30, 32 1 Kings 12:1–20	James 5:7–12, 19–20	42, 43 Mark 15:33–39

Proper 18 *Week of the Sunday closest to September 7*

Sunday	63:1–8(9–11), 98 1 Kings 12:21–33	Acts 4:18–31	103 John 10:31–42
Monday	41, 52 1 Kings 13:1–10	Phil. 1:1–11	44 Mark 15:40–47
Tuesday	45 1 Kings 16:23–34	Phil. 1:12–30	47, 48 Mark 16:1–8(9–20)
Wednesday	119:49–72 1 Kings 17:1–24	Phil. 2:1–11	49, [53] Matt. 2:1–12
Thursday	50 1 Kings 18:1–19	Phil. 2:12–30	[59, 60] *or* 93, 96 Matt. 2:13–23
Friday	40, 54 1 Kings 18:20–40	Phil. 3:1–16	51 Matt. 3:1–12
Saturday	55 1 Kings 18:41—19:8	Phil. 3:17—4:7	138, 139:1–17(18–23) Matt. 3:13–17

Year Two

Proper 17 *Week of the Sunday closest to August 31*

Sunday	148, 149, 150 Job 11:1–9, 13–20	Rev. 5:1–14	114, 115 Matt. 5:1–12
Monday	25 Job 12:1–6, 13–25	Acts 11:19–30	9, 15 John 8:21–32
Tuesday	26, 28 Job 12:1;13:3–17, 21–27	Acts 12:1–17	36, 39 John 8:33–47
Wednesday	38 Job 12:1;14:1–22	Acts 12:18–25	119:25–48 John 8:47–59
Thursday	37:1–18 Job 16:16–22; 17:1, 13–16	Acts 13:1–12	37:19–42 John 9:1–17
Friday	31 Job 19:1–7, 14–27	Acts 13:13–25	35 John 9:18–41
Saturday	30, 32 Job 22:1–4, 21—23:7	Acts 13:26–43	42, 43 John 10:1–18

Proper 18 *Week of the Sunday closest to September 7*

Sunday	63:1–8(9–11), 98 Job 25:1–6; 27:1–6	Rev. 14:1–7, 13	103 Matt. 5 :13–20
Monday	41, 52 Job 32:1–10, 19—33:1, 19–28	Acts 13:44–52	44 John 10:19–30
Tuesday	45 Job 29:1–20	Acts 14:1–18	47, 48 John 10:31–42
Wednesday	119:49–72 Job 29:1;30:1–2, 16–31	Acts 14:19–28	49, [53] John 11:1–16
Thursday	50 Job 29:1;31:1–23	Acts 15:1–11	[59, 60] *or* 93, 96 John 11:17–29
Friday	40, 54 Job 29:1; 31:24–40	Acts 15:12–21	51 John 11:30–44
Saturday	55 Job 38:1–17	Acts 15:22–35	138, 139:1–17(18–23) John 11:45–54

Year One

Proper 19 *Week of the Sunday closest to September 14*

Sunday	24, 29		8, 84
	1 Kings 19:8–21	Acts 5:34–42	John 11:45–57
Monday	56, 57, [58]		64, 65
	1 Kings 21:1–16	1 Cor. 1:1–19	Matt. 4:1–11
Tuesday	61, 62		68:1–20(21–23), 24–36
	1 Kings 21:17–29	1 Cor. 1:20–31	Matt. 4:12–17
Wednesday	72		119:73–96
	1 Kings 22:1–28	1 Cor. 2:1–13	Matt. 4:18–25
Thursday	[70], 71		74
	1 Kings 22:29–45	1 Cor. 2:14—3:15	Matt. 5:1–10
Friday	69:1–23(24–30), 31–38		73
	2 Kings 1:2–17	1 Cor. 3:16–23	Matt. 5:11–16
Saturday	75, 76		23, 27
	2 Kings 2:1–18	1 Cor. 4:1–7	Matt. 5:17–20

Proper 20 *Week of the Sunday closest to September 21*

Sunday	93, 96		34
	2 Kings 4:8–37	Acts 9:10–32	Luke 3:7–18
Monday	80		77, [79]
	2 Kings 5:1–19	1 Cor. 4:8–21	Matt. 5:21–26
Tuesday	78:1–39		78:40–72
	2 Kings 5:19–27	1 Cor. 5:1–8	Matt. 5:27–37
Wednesday	119:97–120		81, 82
	2 Kings 6:1–23	1 Cor. 5:9—6:8	Matt. 5:38–48
Thursday	[83] *or* 116, 117		85, 86
	2 Kings 9:1–16	1 Cor. 6:12–20	Matt. 6:1–6, 16–18
Friday	88		91, 92
	2 Kings 9:17–37	1 Cor. 7:1–9	Matt. 6:7–15
Saturday	87, 90		136
	2 Kings 11:1–20a	1 Cor. 7:10–24	Matt. 6:19–24

Year Two

Proper 19 *Week of the Sunday closest to September 14*

Sunday	24, 29		8, 84
	Job 38:1, 18–41	Rev. 18:1–8	Matt. 5:21–26
Monday	56, 57, [58]		64, 65
	Job 40:1–24	Acts 15:36—16:5	John 11:55–12: 8
Tuesday	61, 62		68:1–20(21–23), 24–36
	Job 40:1; 41:1–11	Acts 16:6–15	John 12:9–19
Wednesday	72		119:73–96
	Job 42:1–17	Acts 16:16–24	John 12:20–26
Thursday	[70], 71		74
	Job 28:1–28	Acts 16:25–40	John 12:27–36a
Friday	69:1–23(24–30), 31–38		73
	Esther 1:1–4, 10–19 (1)	Acts 17:1–15	John 12:36b–43
Saturday	75, 76		23, 27
	Esther 2:5–8, 15–23 (1)	Acts 17:16–34	John 12:44–50

Proper 20 *Week of the Sunday closest to September 21*

Sunday	93, 96		34
	Esther 3:1—4:3 (1)	James 1:19–27	Matt. 6:1–6, 16–18
Monday	80		77, [79]
	Esther 4:4–17 (1)	Acts 18:1–11	Luke (1:1–4); 3:1–14
Tuesday	78:1–39		78:40–72
	Esther 5:1–14 (1)	Acts 18:12–28	Luke 3:15–22
Wednesday	119:97–120		81, 82
	Esther 6:1–14 (1)	Acts 19:1–10	Luke 4:1–13
Thursday	[83] *or* 116, 117		85, 86
	Esther 7:1–10 (1)	Acts 19:11–20	Luke 4:14–30
Friday	88		91, 92
	Esther 8:1–8, 15–17 (1)	Acts 19:21–41	Luke 4:31–37
Saturday	87, 90		136
	Hosea 1:1—2:1	Acts 20:1–16	Luke 4:38–44

(1) In place of Esther may be read Judith:

F 4:1–15	Su 5:22–6:4, 10–21	Tu 8:9–17; 9:1, 7–10	Th 12:1–20
Sa 5:1–21	M 7:1–7, 19–32	W 10:1–2.3	F 13:1–20

Year One

Proper 21 *Week of the Sunday closest to September 28*

Sunday	66, 67		29, 46
	2 Kings 17:1–18	Acts 9:36–43	Luke 5:1–11
Monday	89:1–18		89:19–52
	2 Kings 17:24–41	1 Cor. 7:25–31	Matt. 6:25–34
Tuesday	97, 99, [100]		94, [95]
	2 Chron. 29:1–3; 30:1(2–9), 10–27	1 Cor. 7:32–40	Matt. 7:1–12
Wednesday	101, 109:1–4(5–19), 20–30		119:121–144
	2 Kings 18:9–25	1 Cor. 8:1–13	Matt. 7:13–21
Thursday	105:1–22		105:23–45
	2 Kings 18:28–37	1 Cor. 9:1–15	Matt. 7:22–29
Friday	102		107:1–32
	2 Kings 19:1–20	1 Cor. 9:16–27	Matt. 8:1–17
Saturday	107:33–43, 108:1–6(7–13)		33
	2 Kings 19:21–36	1 Cor. 10:1–13	Matt. 8:18–27

Proper 22 *Week of the Sunday closest to October 5*

Sunday	118		145
	2 Kings 20:1–21	Acts 12:1–17	Luke 7:11–17
Monday	106:1–18		106:19–48
	2 Kings 21:1–18	1 Cor. 10:14—11:1	Matt. 8:28–34
Tuesday	[120], 121, 122, 123		124, 125, 126, [127]
	2 Kings 22:1–13	1 Cor. 11:2, 17–22	Matt. 9:1–8
Wednesday	119:145–176		128, 129, 130
	2 Kings 22:14—23:3	1 Cor. 11:23–34	Matt. 9:9–17
Thursday	131, 132, [133]		134, 135
	2 Kings 23:4–25	1 Cor. 12:1–11	Matt. 9:18–26
Friday	140, 142		141, 143:1–11(12)
	2 Kings 23:36–24:17	1 Cor. 12:12–26	Matt. 9:27–34
Saturday	137:1–6(7–9), 144		104
	Jer. 35:1–19	1 Cor. 12:27—13:3	Matt. 9:35—10:4

Year Two

Proper 21 *Week of the Sunday closest to September 28*

Sunday	66, 67		29, 46
	Hosea 2:2–14	James 3:1–13	Matt. 13:44–52
Monday	89:1–18		89:19–52
	Hosea 2:14–23	Acts 20:17–38	Luke 5:1–11
Tuesday	97, 99, [100]		94, [95]
	Hosea 4:1–10	Acts 21:1–14	Luke 5:12–26
Wednesday	101, 109:1–4(5–19), 20–30		119:121–144
	Hosea 4:11–19	Acts 21:15–26	Luke 5:27–3
Thursday	105:1–22		105:23–45
	Hosea 5:8—6:6	Acts 21:27–36	Luke 6:1–11
Friday	102		107:1–32
	Hosea 10:1–15	Acts 21:37—22:16	Luke 6:12–26
Saturday	107:33–43, 108:1–6(7–13)		33
	Hosea 11:1–9	Acts 22:17–29	Luke 6:27–38

Proper 22 *Week of the Sunday closest to October 5*

Sunday	118		145
	Hosea 13:4–14	1 Cor. 2:6–16	Matt. 14:1–12
Monday	106:1–18		106:19–48
	Hosea 14:1–9	Acts 22:30—23:11	Luke 6:39–49
Tuesday	[120], 121, 122, 123		124, 125, 126, [127]
	Micah 1:1–9	Acts 23:12–24	Luke 7:1–17
Wednesday	119:145–176		128, 129, 130
	Micah 2:1–13	Acts 23:23–35	Luke 7:18–35
Thursday	131, 132, [133]		134, 135
	Micah 3:1–8	Acts 24:1–23	Luke 7:36–50
Friday	140, 142		141, 143:1–11(12)
	Micah 3:9—4:5	Acts 24:24—25:12	Luke 8:1–15
Saturday	137:1–6(7–9), 144		104
	Micah 5:1–4, 10–15	Acts 25:13–27	Luke 8:16–25

Year One

Proper 23 *Week of the Sunday closest to October 12*

Sunday	146, 147		211, 112, 113
	Jer. 36:1–10	Acts 14:8–18	Luke 7:36–50
Monday	1, 2, 3		4, 7
	Jer. 36:11–26	1 Cor. 13:(1–3), 4–13	Matt. 10:5–15
Tuesday	5, 6		10, 11
	Jer. 36:27—37:2	1 Cor. 14:1–12	Matt. 10:16–23
Wednesday	119:1–24		12, 13, 14
	Jer. 37:3–21	1 Cor. 14:13–25	Matt. 10:24–33
Thursday	18:1–20		18:21–50
	Jer. 38:1–13	1 Cor. 14:26–33a, 37–40	Matt. 10:34–42
Friday	16, 17		22
	Jer. 38:14–28	1 Cor. 15:1–11	Matt. 11:1–6
Saturday	20, 21:1–7(8–13)		110:1–5(6–7), 116, 117
	2 Kings 25:8–12, 22–26	1 Cor. 15:12–29	Matt. 11:7–15

Proper 24 *Week of the Sunday closest to October 19*

Sunday	148, 149, 150		114, 115
	Jer. 29:1, 4–14	Acts 16:6–15	Luke 10:1–12, 17–20
Monday	25		9, 15
	Jer. 44:1–14	1 Cor. 15:30–41	Matt. 11:16–24
Tuesday	26, 28		36, 39
	Lam. 1:1–5(6–9), 10–12	1 Cor. 15:41–50	Matt. 11:25–3
Wednesday	38		119:25–48
	Lam. 2:8–15	1 Cor. 15:51–58	Matt. 12:1–14
Thursday	37:1–18		37:19–42
	Ezra 1:1–11	1 Cor. 16:1–9	Matt. 12:15–21
Friday	31		35
	Ezra 3:1–13	1 Cor. 16:10–24	Matt. 12:22–32
Saturday	30, 32		42, 43
	Ezra 4:7, 11–24	Philemon 1–25	Matt. 12:33–42

Year Two

Proper 23 *Week of the Sunday closest to October 12*

Sunday	146, 147 Micah 6:1–8	1 Cor. 4:9–16	211, 112, 113 Matt. 15:21–28
Monday	1, 2, 3 Micah 7:1–7	Acts 26:1–23	4, 7 Luke 8:26–39
Tuesday	5, 6 Jonah 1:1–17a	Acts 26:24—27:8	10, 11 Luke 8:40–56
Wednesday	119:1–24 Jonah 1:17—2:10	Acts 27:9–26	12, 13, 14 Luke 9:1–17
Thursday	18:1–20 Jonah 3:1—4:11	Acts 27:27–44	18:21–50 Luke 9:18–27
Friday	16, 17 Ecclus. 1:1–10, 18–27	Acts 28:1–16	22 Luke 9:28–36
Saturday	20, 21:1–7(8–13) Ecclus. 3:17–31	Acts 28:17–31	110:1–5(6–7), 116, 117 Luke 9:37–50

Proper 24 *Week of the Sunday closest to October 19*

Sunday	148, 149, 150 Ecclus. 4:1–10	1 Cor. 10:1–13	114, 115 Matt. 16:13–20
Monday	25 Ecclus. 4:20—5:7	Rev. 7:1–8	9, 15 Luke 9:51–62
Tuesday	26, 28 Ecclus. 6:5–17	Rev. 7:9–17	36, 39 Luke 10:1–16
Wednesday	38 Ecclus. 7:4–14	Rev. 8:1–13	119:25–48 Luke 10:17–24
Thursday	37:1–18 Ecclus. 10:1–18	Rev. 9:1–12	37:19–42 Luke 10:25–37
Friday	31 Ecclus. 11:2–20	Rev. 9:13–21	35 Luke 10:38–42
Saturday	30, 32 Ecclus. 15:9–20	Rev. 10:1–11	42, 43 Luke 11:1–13

Year One

Proper 25 *Week of the Sunday closest to October 26*

Sunday	63:1–8(9–11), 98		103
	Haggai 1:1—2:9	Acts 18:24—19:7	Luke 10:2S–37
Monday	41, 52		44
	Zech. 1:7–17	Rev. 1:4–20	Matt. 12:43–50
Tuesday	45		47, 48
	Ezra 5:1–17	Rev. 4:1–11	Matt. 13:1–9
Wednesday	119:49–72		49, [53]
	Ezra 6:1–22	Rev. 5:1–10	Matt. 13:10–17
Thursday	50		[59, 60] *or* 103
	Neh. 1:1–11	Rev. 5:11—6:11	Matt. 13:18–23
Friday	40, 54		51
	Neh. 2:1–20	Rev. 6:12—7:4	Matt. 13:24–30
Saturday	55		138, 139:1–17(18–23)
	Neh. 4:1–23	Rev. 7:(4–8), 9–17	Matt. 13:31–35

Proper 26 *Week of the Sunday closest to November 2*

Sunday	24, 29		8, 84
	Neh. 5:1–19	Acts 20:7–12	Luke 12:22–31
Monday	56, 57, [58]		64, 65
	Neh. 6:1–19	Rev. 10:1–11	Matt. 13:36–43
Tuesday	61, 62		68:1–20(21–23), 24–36
	Neh. 12:27–31a, 42b–47	Rev. 11:1–19	Matt. 13:44–52
Wednesday	72		119:73–96
	Neh. 13:4–22	Rev. 12:1–12	Matt. 13:53–58
Thursday	[70], 71		74
	Ezra 7:(1–10), 11–26	Rev. 14:1–13	Matt. 14:1–12
Friday	69:1–23(24–30), 31–38		73
	Ezra 7:27–28; 8:21–36	Rev. 15:1–8	Matt. 14:13–21
Saturday	75, 76		23, 27
	Ezra 9:1–15	Rev. 17:1–14	Matt. 14:22–36

Year Two

Proper 25 *Week of the Sunday closest to October 26*

Sunday	63:1–8(9–11), 98 Ecclus. 18:19–33	 1 Cor. 10:15–24	103 Matt. 18:15–20
Monday	41, 52 Ecclus. 19:4–17	 Rev. 11:1–14	44 Luke 11:14–26
Tuesday	45 Ecclus. 24:1–12	 Rev. 11:14–19	47, 48 Luke 11:27–36
Wednesday	119:49–72 Ecclus. 28:14–26	 Rev. 12:1–6	49, [53] Luke 11:37–52
Thursday	50 Ecclus. 31:12–18, 25—32:2	 Rev. 12:7–17	[59, 60] *or* 103 Luke 11:53—12:12
Friday	40, 54 Ecclus. 34:1–8, 18–22	 Rev. 13:1–10	51 Luke 12:13–31
Saturday	55 Ecclus. 35:1–17	 Rev. 13:11–18	138, 139:1–17(18–23) Luke 12:32–48

Proper 26 *Week of the Sunday closest to November 2*

Sunday	24, 29 Ecclus. 36:1–17	 1 Cor. 12:27—13:13	8, 84 Matt. 18:21–35
Monday	56, 57, [58] Ecclus. 38:24–34	 Rev. 14:1–13	64, 65 Luke 12:49–59
Tuesday	61, 62 Ecclus. 43:1–22	 Rev. 14:14—15:8	68:1–20(21–23), 24–36 Luke 13:1–9
Wednesday	72 Ecclus. 43:23–33	 Rev. 16:1–11	119:73–96 Luke 13:10–17
Thursday	[70] 71 Ecclus. 44:1–15	 Rev. 16:12–21	74 Luke 13:18–30
Friday	69:1–23(24–30), 31–38 Ecclus. 50:1, 11–24	 Rev. 17:1–18	73 Luke 13:31–35
Saturday	75, 76 Ecclus. 51:1–12	 Rev. 18:1–14	23, 27 Luke 14:1–11

Year One

Proper 27 *Week of the Sunday closest to November 9*

Sunday	93, 96 Ezra 10:1–17	Acts 24:10–21	34 Luke 14:12–24
Monday	80 Neh. 9:1–15(16–25)	Rev. 18:1–8	77, [79] Matt. 15:1–20
Tuesday	78:1–39 Neh. 9:26–38	Rev. 18:9–20	78:40–72 Matt. 15:21–28
Wednesday	119:97–120 Neh. 7:73b—8:3, 5–18	Rev. 18:21–24	81, 82 Matt. 15:29–39
Thursday	[83] *or* 23, 27 1 Macc. 1:1–28	Rev. 19:1–10	85, 86 Matt. 16:1–12
Friday	88 1 Macc. 1:41–63	Rev. 19:11–16	91, 92 Matt. 16:13–20
Saturday	87, 90 1 Macc. 2:1–28	Rev. 20:1–6	136 Matt. 16:21–28

Proper 28 *Week of the Sunday closest to November 16*

Sunday	66, 67 1 Macc. 2:29–43, 49–50	Acts 28:14b–23	29, 46 Luke 16:1–13
Monday	89:1–18 1 Macc. 3:1–24	Rev. 20:7–15	89:19–52 Matt. 17:1–13
Tuesday	97, 99, [100] 1 Macc. 3:25–41	Rev. 21:1–8	94, [95] Matt. 17:14–21
Wednesday	101, 109:1–4(5–19), 20–30 1 Macc. 3:42–60	Rev. 21:9–21	119:121–144 Matt. 17:22–27
Thursday	105:1–22 1 Macc. 4:1–25	Rev. 21:22—22:5	105:23–45 Matt. 18:1–9
Friday	102 1 Macc. 4:36–59	Rev. 22:6–13	107:1–32 Matt. 18:10–20
Saturday	107:33–43, 108:1–6(7–13) Isa. 65:17–25	Rev. 22:14–21	33 Matt. 18:21–35

Year Two

Proper 27 *Week of the Sunday closest to November 9*

Sunday	93, 96 Ecclus. 51:13–22	1 Cor. 14:1–12	34 Matt. 20:1–16
Monday	80 Joel 1:1–13	Rev. 18:15–24	77, [79] Luke 14:12–24
Tuesday	78:1–39 Joel 1:15—2:2(3–11)	Rev. 19:1–10	78:40–72 Luke 14:25–35
Wednesday	119:97–120 Joel 2:12–19	Rev. 19:11–21	81, 82 Luke 15:1–10
Thursday	[83] *or* 23, 27 Joel 2:21–27	James 1:1–15	85, 86 Luke 15:1–2, 11–32
Friday	88 Joel 2:28—3:8	James 1:16–27	91, 92 Luke 16:1–9
Saturday	87, 90 Joel 3:9–17	James 2:1–13	136 Luke 16:10–17(18)

Proper 28 *Week of the Sunday closest to November 16*

Sunday	66, 67 Hab. 1:1–4(5–11), 12—2:1	Phil. 3:13—4:1	29, 46 Matt. 23:13–24
Monday	89:1–18 Hab. 2:1–4, 9–20	James 2:14–26	89:19–52 Luke 16:19–31
Tuesday	97, 99, [100] Hab. 3:1–10(11–15), 16–18	James 3:1–12	94, [95] Luke 17:1–10
Wednesday	101, 109:1–4(5–19), 20–30 Mal. 1:1, 6–14	James 3:13—4:12	119:121–144 Luke 17:11–19
Thursday	105:1–22 Mal. 2:1–16	James 4:13—5:6	105:23–45 Luke 17:20–37
Friday	102 Mal. 3:1–12	James 5:7–12	107:1–32 Luke 18:1–8
Saturday	107:33–43, 108:1–6(7–13) Mal. 3:13—4:6	James 5:13–20	33 Luke 18:9–14

Year One

Proper 29 *Week of the Sunday closest to November 23*

Sunday	118		145
Christ the King	Isa. 19:19–25	Rom. 15:5–13	Luke 19:11–27
Monday	106:1–18		106:19–48
	Joel 3:1–2, 9–17	1 Pet. 1:1–12	Matt. 19:1–12
Tuesday	[120], 121, 122, 123		124, 125, 126, [127]
	Nahum 1:1–13	1 Pet. 1:13–25	Matt. 19:13–22
Wednesday	119:145–176		128, 129, 130
	Obadiah 15–21	1 Pet. 2:1–10	Matt. 19:23–30
Thursday	131, 132, [133]		134, 135
	Zeph. 3:1–13	1 Pet. 2:11–25	Matt. 20:1–16
Friday	140, 142		141, 143:1–11(12)
	Isa. 24:14–23	1 Pet. 3:13—4:6	Matt. 20:17–28
Saturday	137:1–6(7–9), 144		104
	Micah 7:11–20	1 Pet. 4:7–19	Matt. 20:29–34

Year Two

Proper 29 *Week of the Sunday closest to November 23*

Sunday	118		145
Christ the King	Zech. 9:9–16	1 Pet. 3:13–22	Matt. 21:1–13
Monday	106:1–18		106:19–48
	Zech. 10:1–12	Gal. 6:1–10	Luke 18:15–30
Tuesday	[120], 121, 122, 123		124, 125, 126, [127]
	Zech. 11:4–17	1 Cor. 3:10–23	Luke 18:31–43
Wednesday	119:145–176		128, 129, 130
	Zech. 12:1–10	Eph. 1:3–14	Luke 19:1–10
Thursday	131, 132, [133]		134, 135
	Zech. 13:1–9	Eph. 1:15–23	Luke 19:11–27
Friday	140, 142		141, 143:1–11(12)
	Zech. 14:1–11	Rom. 15:7–13	Luke 19:28–40
Saturday	137:1–6(7–9), 144		104
	Zech. 14:12–21	Phil. 2:1–11	Luke 19:41–48

Holy Days

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
St. Andrew November 30	34 Isaiah 49:1–6 1 Corinthians 4:1–16	96, 100 Isaiah 55:1–5 John 1:35–42
Immaculate Conception *December 8*	63, 100 Isaiah 61:9–11 Romans 5:12–21	45, 93 1 Chronicles 15:3–4, 15–16; 16:1–2 Romans 8:28–30
Our Lady of Guadalupe *December 12*	24, 46 Genesis 12:1–7 Luke 11:27–28	87, 95 Zechariah 2:1–13 Ephesians 1:3–6, 11–12
St. Stephen *December 26*	28, 30 2 Chronicles 24:17–22 Acts 6:1–7	118 Wis. 4:7–15 Acts 7:59–8:8
St. John *December 27*	97, 98 Proverbs 8:22–30 John 13:20–35	145 Isaiah 44:1–8 1 John 5:1–12
Holy Innocents *December 28*	2, 26 Isaiah 49:13–23 Matthew 18:1–14	19, 126 Isaiah 54:1–13 Mark 10:13–16
Conversion of St. Paul *January 25*	19 Isaiah 45:18–25 Philippians 3:4b–11	119:89–112 Ecclesiasticus 39:1–10 Acts 9:1–22
Eve of the Presentation	1 Samuel 1:20–28a	113, 122 Romans 8:14–21
The Presentation *February*	42, 43 1 Samuel 12:1–10 2 John 8:31–36	48, 87 Haggai 2:1–9 1 John 3:1–8
Chair of Peter *February* 22	66, 67 Ezekiel 3:4–11 Acts 10:34–44	118 Ezekiel 34:11–16 John 21:15–22
St. Joseph *March 19*	132 Isaiah 63:7–16 Matthew 1:18–25	34 2 Chronicles 6:12–17 Ephesians 3:14–21
Eve of the Annunciation		8, 138 Genesis 3:1–15 Romans 5:12–21 *or* Galatians 4:1–7
Annunciation *March 25*	85, 87 Isaiah 52:7–12 Hebrews 2:5–10	110:1–5(6–7), 132 Wis. 9:1–12 John 1:9–14

	Morning Prayer	**Evening Prayer**
St. Mark *April 25*	145 Ecclesiasticus 2:1–11 Acts 12:25–13:3	67, 96 Isaiah 62:6–12 2 Timothy 4:1–11
St. Philip and St. James **May 3**	119:137–160 Job 23:1–12 John 1:43–51	139 Proverbs 4:7–18 John 12:20–26
St. Matthias *May 14*	80 1 Sam. 16:1–13 1 John 2:18–25	33 1 Sam. 12:1–5 Acts 20:17–35
St. Augustine of Canterbury *May 27*	1:1–4; 92 Isaiah 6:1–8 Acts 20:17–18a, 28–32, 36	89:18–52 Jeremiah 1:4–9 Titus 1:7–11; 2:1–8
Eve of the Visitation		132 Isaiah 11:1–10 Hebrews 2:11–18
The Visitation *May 31*	72 1 Sam. 1:1–20 Hebrews 3:1–6	146, 147 Zechariah 2:10–13 John 3:25–30
St. Barnabas *June 11*	15, 67 Ecclesiasticus 31:3–11 Acts 4:32–37	19, 146 Job 29:1–16 Acts 9:26–31
Eve of St. John the Baptist		103 Ecclesiasticus 48:1–11 Luke 1:5–23
Nativity of St. John the Baptist *June 24*	82, 98 Malachi 3:1–5 John 3:22–30	80 Malachi 4:1–6 Matthew 11:2–19
St. Peter and St. Paul *June 29*	66 Ezekiel 2:1–7 Acts 11:1–18	97, 138 Isaiah 49:1–6 Galatians 2:1–9
St. Thomas *July 3*	23, 121 Job 42:1–6 1 Peter 1:3–9	27 Isaiah 43:8–13 John 14:1–7
Independence Day *July 4*	*—see National Days (p. 91)*	
St. Mary Magdalene *July* 22	116 Zephaniah 3:14–20 Mark 15:37–16:7	30, 149 Exodus 15:19–21 2 Corinthians 1:3–7
St. James *July 25*	34 Jeremiah 16:14–21 Mark 1:14–20	33 Jeremiah 26:1–15 Matthew 10:16–32

	Morning Prayer	**Evening Prayer**
Eve of the Transfiguration		84 1 Kings 19:1–12 2 Corinthians 3:1–9, 18
The Transfiguration *August 6*	2, 24 Exodus 24:12–18 2 Corinthians 4:1–6	72 Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14 John 12:27–36a
St. Lawrence *August 10*	31:1–5, 14–16, 19–20; 124 2 Maccabees 6:18–31 Acts 6:1–6; 8:1b, 4–8	34:1–8; 126 Ecclesiasticus 51:1–8 1 Peter 4:12–19
Assumption of the B.V.M. *August 15*	113, 115 1 Sam. 2:1–10 John 2:1–12	45, *or* 138, 149 Jeremiah 31:1–14 *or* Zechariah 2:10–13 John 19:23–27 *or* Acts 1:6–14
St. Bartholomew *August 24*	86 Genesis 28:10–17 John 1:43–51	15, 67 Isaiah 66:1–2, 18–23 1 Peter 5:1–11
St. Gregory the Great *September 3*	23, 34:1–10 Ezekiel 34:11–16 1 Peter 5:1–4	89:1–18 Isaiah 52:7–10 1 Thessalonians 2:2b–8
Nativity of the B.V.M. *September 8*	45, 113 Genesis 3:9–15, 20 Romans 5:12, 17–19	122, 127 Zechariah 2:10–13 Galatians 4:4–7
Eve of the Holy Cross		46, 87 1 Kings 8:22–30 Ephesians 2:11–22
Holy Cross Day *September 14*	66 Numbers 21:4–9 John 3:11–17	118 Genesis 3:1–15 1 Peter 3:17–22
St. Matthew *September 21*	119:41–64 Isaiah 8:11–20 Romans 10:1–15	19, 112 Job 28:12–28 Matthew 13:44–52
SS. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels *September 29*	8, 148 Job 38:1–7 Hebrews 1:1–14	34, 150, *or* 104 Daniel 12:1–3 *or* 2 Kings 6:8–17 Mark 13:21–27 *or* Revelation 5:1–14
St. Luke *October 18*	103 Ezekiel 47:1–12 Luke 1:1–4	67, 96 Isaiah 52:7–10 Acts 1:1–8
St. Simon and St. Jude October 28	66 Isaiah 28:9–16 Ephesians 4:1–16	116, 117 Isaiah 4:2–6 John 14:15–31

	Morning Prayer	**Evening Prayer**
Eve of All Saints		34 Wisdom 3:1–9 Revelation 19:1, 4–10
All Saints' Day *November* 1	111, 112 2 Esdras 2:42–47 Hebrews 11:32–12:2	148, 150 Wisdom 5:1–5, 14–16 Revelation 21:1–4, 22—22:5
All Souls' Day (1) *November 2*	27:1–13, 18; 90:1–12 Isaiah 25:6–9 1 Corinthians 15:51–57	130, 139:1–11 Lamentations 3:17–26 John 11:21–27
Dedication of St. John Lateran *November 9*	84, 87 2 Chronicles 5:6–10, 13—6:2 1 Peter 2:4–9	95:1–7; 122 1 Maccabees 4:52–59 1 Corinthians 3:9b–13, 16–17

NATIONAL DAYS

Independence Day *July 4*	33 Ecclus. 10:1–8, 12–18 James 5:7–10	107:1–32 Micah 4:1–5 Revelation 21:1–7
Thanksgiving Day	147 Deuteronomy 26:1–11 John 6:26–35	145 Joel 2:21–27 1 Thessalonians 5:12–24

(1) On All Souls' Day the Psalms and Lessons may be taken from those appointed for the Burial of the Dead.

Special Occasions

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Eve of the Dedication of a Church	48, 122	Haggai 2:1–9 1 Corinthians 3:9–17
Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church	132 1 Kings 8:1–13 John 10:22–30	29, 46 1 Kings 8:54–62 Hebrews 10:19–25
Eve of the Patronal Feast		27, *or* 116, 117 Isaiah 49:1–13 *or* Ecclesiasticus 51:6b–12 Ephesians 4:1–13 *or* Revelation 7:9–17 *or* Luke 10:38–42
The Patronal Feast	92, 93, *or* 148, 149 Isaiah 52:7–10 *or* Job 5:8–2 Acts 4:5–13 *or* Luke 12:1–12	96, 97, *or* 111, 112 Jeremiah 31:10–14 *or* Ecclesiasticus 2:7–18 Romans 12:1–21 *or* Luke 21:10–19
Eves of Apostles and Evangelists		48, 122, *or* 84, 150 Isaiah 43:10–15 (1) *or* Isaiah 52:7–10 (2) Revelation 21:1–4, 9–14 *or* Matthew 9:35—10:4

(1) Except on the Eve of St. Thomas.
(2) Except on the Eves of St. Mark and St. Luke.

THE DAILY OFFICE

Concerning the Service

In the Daily Office, the term Officiant is used to denote the person, clerical or lay, who leads the Office.

It is appropriate that other persons be assigned to read the Lessons, and to lead other parts of the service not assigned to the officiant. The bishop, when present, appropriately concludes the Office with a blessing.

At celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, the Order for Morning or Evening Prayer may be used in place of all that precedes the Offertory.

Additional Directions

Morning and Evening Prayer

Any of the opening sentences of Scripture, including those listed for specific seasons or days, may be used at any time according to the discretion of the officiant.

The proper antiphons for the Invitatory Psalms from Rite One or Rite Two may be used as refrains with either of the Invitatory Psalms.

Antiphons drawn from the Psalms themselves, or from the opening sentences given in the Offices, or from other passages of Scripture may be used with the Psalms and biblical Canticles.

Gloria Patri is always sung or said at the conclusion of the entire portion of the Psalter; and may be used after the Invitatory Psalm or the Canticle, "Christ our Passover," after each Psalm, and after each section of Psalm 119.

The Gloria printed at the conclusion of certain Canticles may be omitted when desired. In Morning and Evening Prayer, the following form of the Gloria may be used:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
    and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
    world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed is omitted from the Office when the Eucharist with its own Creed is to follow. It may also be omitted at one of the Offices on weekdays.

The Lord's Prayer may be omitted from the Office when the Litany or the Eucharist is to follow immediately.

In the Intercessions and Thanksgivings, opportunity may be given for the members of the congregation to express intentions or objects of prayer and thanksgiving, either at the bidding, or in the course of the prayer; and opportunity may be given for silent prayer.

A sermon may be preached after the Office; or, within the Office, after the Readings or at the time of the hymn or anthem after the Collects.

Metrical versions of the Invitatory Psalms, and of the Canticles after the Readings, may be used.

In special circumstances, in place of a Canticle, a hymn may be sung.

An office hymn may be sung at the beginning of Morning Prayer in place of the Invitatory and before the Magnificat at Evening Prayer. A hymn or anthem may be sung after the three collects at Evening Prayer.

On occasion, at the discretion of the Minister, a reading from non-biblical Christian literature may follow the biblical Readings.

An offering may be received and presented at the Office.

When There Is a Eucharist

When Morning or Evening Prayer is used as the Liturgy of the Word at the Eucharist, the Nicene Creed may take the place of the Apostles' Creed, and the officiant may pass at once from the salutation "The Lord be with you," and its response, to the Collect of the Day. A Lesson from the Gospel is always included.

The Intercessions on such occasions are to conform to the directions in the Eucharistic Rite.

The service then continues with the [Peace and] Offertory.

Daily Morning Prayer
Rite One

The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture, or with the versicle "O Lord, open thou our lips." *(p. 101)*

Advent

Watch ye, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.
Mark 13:35, 36

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

Christmas

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. *Revelation 21:3*

Epiphany

The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

I will give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my Name shall be great among the Gentiles, and in every place incense shall be offered unto my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

Lent

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Rend your hearts, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel 2:13*

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." *Luke 15:18, 19*

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9:9, 10*

Jesus said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

Holy Week

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me. *Lamentations 1:12*

Easter Season, Including Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. *Hebrews 9:24*

Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

Trinity Sunday

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. *Revelation 4:8*

All Saints' Day and Other Major Saints Days

We give thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. *Colossians 1:12*

Ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

Their sound is gone out into all lands; and their words into the ends of the world. *Psalm 19:4*

Occasions of Thanksgiving

O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name; tell the people what things he hath done. *Psalm 105:1*

At Any Time

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord. *Psalm 122:1*

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. *John 4:23*

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy, I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. *Isaiah 57:15*

The following Penitential Rite may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with "O Lord, open thou our lips" *(p. 101).*

Penitential Rite

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Or this:

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling:

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires
  of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not
  to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous,
and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant says:

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand.

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Except in Lent, "Alleluia" is added.

Then follows one of the Invitatory Psalms, "Venite" or "Jubilate."

One of the following Antiphons may be sung or said with the Invitatory Psalm.

In Advent

Our King and Savior draweth nigh:
O come, let us adore him.

From Christmas until the Epiphany

Alleluia. Unto us a child is born:
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

From the Epiphany through the Baptism of Christ, and on the Feasts of the Transfiguration and Holy Cross

The Lord hath manifested forth his glory:
O come, let us adore him.

In Lent

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
O come, let us adore him.

From Easter Day until the Ascension

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:
O come, let us adore him.
Alleluia.

From Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ the Lord ascendeth into heaven:
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

On the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world:
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

On Trinity Sunday

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God:
O come, let us adore him.

On other Sundays and Weekdays

The earth is the Lord's for he made it:
O come, let us adore him.

Or this:

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
O come, let us adore him.

Or this:

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:
O come, let us adore him.

The Alleluias in the following Antiphons are used only in Easter Season.

On Feasts of the Incarnation

[Alleluia.] The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:
O come, let us adore him. [Alleluia.]

On All Saints and other Major Saints' Days

[Alleluia.] The Lord is glorious in his saints:
O come, let us adore him. [Alleluia.]

Venite (1)

Psalm 95:1–7; 96:9, 13

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
    let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *
    and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
    and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
    and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it, *
    and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down *
    and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God, *
    and we are the people of his pasture
    and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
    let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
    and with righteousness to judge the world
    and the peoples with his truth.

Venite (2)

Psalm 95

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts *
as in the provocation,
and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;
When your fathers tempted me *
proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, *
It is a people that do err in their hearts,
for they have not known my ways;
Unto whom I sware in my wrath, *
that they should not enter into my rest.

Jubilate

Psalm 100

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; *
    serve the Lord with gladness
    and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; *
    we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
    and into his courts with praise; *
    be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious;
his mercy is everlasting; *
    and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

In Easter Week, in place of an Invitatory Psalm, the following is sung or said. It may also be used daily until the Day of Pentecost.

Christ Our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7–8; Romans 6:9–11; 1 Corinthians 15:20–22

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, *
    therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with old leaven,
neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, *
    but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
        Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; *
    death hath no more dominion over him.
For in that he died, he died unto sin once; *
    but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, *
    but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
        Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, *
    and become the first fruits of them that slept.
For since by man came death, *
    by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
    even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Then follows:

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

Or this:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

The Lessons

One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying:

A Reading (Lesson) from ________.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

Or the Reader may say:

Here endeth the Lesson (Reading).

Silence may be kept after each Reading. One of the following Canticles, or one of those on pages 131–142 (Canticles 8–21), is sung or said after each Reading. If three Lessons are used, the Lesson from the Gospel is read after the second Canticle.

1 A Song of Creation *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*

Song of the Three Young Men, 35–65

This Canticle may be shortened by omitting section II or III.

I. Invocation

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.
O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

II. The Cosmic Order

O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the Lord;
O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord;
O ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye winds of God, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord;
O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.
O ye dews and frosts, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye frost and cold, bless ye the Lord;
O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord;
O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

III. The Earth and Its Creatures

O let the earth bless the Lord; *
    O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord;
O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord; *
    praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye wells, bless ye the Lord; *
    O ye seas and floods, bless ye the Lord;
O ye whales and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord; *
    praise him and magnify him for ever.

O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord; *
    O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord;
O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord; *
    praise him and magnify him for ever.

IV. The People of God

O ye people of God, bless ye the Lord; *
    O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;
O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
    praise him and magnify him for ever.
O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord; *
    O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord.
Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; *
    praise him and magnify him for ever.

2 A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*

Song of the Three Young Men, 29–34

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest between the Cherubim; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

4 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Luke 1:68–79

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
  for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
  in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
  which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
  and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
  and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather
    Abraham, *
  that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
  might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
  all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
  for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his
    ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
  for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
  whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
  and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

6 Glory Be to God *Gloria in excelsis*

Glory be to God on high,
  and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
  we worship thee,
  we glorify thee,
  we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
  that takest away the sins of the world,
  have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
  receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
  have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy,
thou only art the Lord,
thou only, O Christ,
  with the Holy Ghost,
  art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The following Canticle shall be said, after the last Reading, on Feasts and Solemnities.

7 **We Praise Thee** *Te Deum laudamus*

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud,
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
    Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
    Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
    the Father, of an infinite majesty,
    thine adorable, true, and only Son,
    also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
    We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
    whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
    Make them to be numbered with thy saints,
    in glory everlasting.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The text of the Creed in Morning Prayer, Rite Two, may be used instead *(p. 143)*.

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People:

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages

A

℣. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
℟. And grant us thy salvation.

℣. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
℟. And make thy chosen people joyful.

℣. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
℟. For only in thee can we live in safety.

℣. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
℟. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

℣. Let thy way be known upon earth;
℟. Thy saving health among all nations.

℣. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
℟. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

℣. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
℟. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

B

℣. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;
℟. Govern them and lift them up for ever.

℣. Day by day we magnify thee;
℟. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

℣. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;
℟. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

℣. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;
℟. As our trust is in thee.

℣. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
℟. Let me never be confounded.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects.

The Collect of the Day

A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Fridays

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Saturdays

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world didst rest from all thy works and sanctify a day of rest for all thy creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of thy sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to thy people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, one of these prayers for mission is added

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Or the following:

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. *Amen.*

Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men. We bless
thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Then may be said:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, Alleluia, alleluia *may be added to the preceding versicle and response.*

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Daily Morning Prayer
Rite Two

The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture, or with the versicle "Lord, open our lips." (p. 126).

Advent

Watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.
Mark 13:35, 36

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

Christmas

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

Behold, the dwelling of God is with mankind. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God. *Revelation 21:3*

Epiphany

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

Lent

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." *Luke 15:18, 19*

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9:9, 10*

Jesus said," If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

Holy Week

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, whom the Lord has afflicted. *Lamentations 1:12*

Easter Season, Including Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
Colossians 3:1

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. *Hebrews 9:24*

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

Trinity Sunday

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come! *Revelation 4:8*

All Saints' Day and Other Major Saints' Days

We give thanks to the Father, who has made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. *Colossians 1:12*

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.
Ephesians 2:19

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. *Psalm 19:4*

Occasions of Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples. *Psalm 105:1*

At Any Time

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." *Isaiah 57:15*

The following Penitential Rite may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with "Lord, open our lips" (p. 126).

Penitential Rite

The Officiant says to the people:

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Or this:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant says:

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand.

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

Then follows the Invitatory Psalm. One of the following Antiphons may be sung or said with the Invitatory Psalm.

In Advent

Our King and Savior now draws near:
Come let us adore him.

In Christmas Season

Alleluia. To us a child is born:
Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

From the Epiphany through the Baptism of Christ, and on the Feasts of the Transfiguration and Holy Cross

The Lord has shown forth his glory:
Come let us adore him.

In Lent

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
Come let us adore him.

From Easter Day until the Ascension

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:
Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

From Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven:
Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

On the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:
Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

On Trinity Sunday

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God:
Come let us adore him.

On other Sundays and weekdays

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:
Come let us adore him.

Or this:

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
Come let us adore him.

Or this:

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:
Come let us adore him.

The Alleluias in the following Antiphons are used only in Easter Season.

On Feasts of the Incarnation

[Alleluia.] The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:
Come let us adore him. [Alleluia.]

On All Saints' Day and Other Major Saints' Days

[Alleluia.] The Lord is glorious in his saints:
Come let us adore him. [Alleluia.]

Venite

Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
  let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
  and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
  and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
  and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
  and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
  and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
  Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
  at Meribah, and on the day at Massah, when they tempted me.
They put me to the test, *
  though they had seen all my works.
Forty years long I detested that generation and said *
  "This people are wayward in their hearts;
  they do not know my ways."
So I swore in my wrath, *
  "They shall not enter into my rest."

In Easter Week, in place of the Invitatory Psalm, the following is sung or said. It may also be used daily until the Day of Pentecost.

Christ Our Passover

1 Corinthians 5:7–8; Romans 6:9–11; 1 Corinthians 15:20–22

Alleluia.
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Then follows:

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying:

A Reading (Lesson) from _____________.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each Lesson the Reader may say:

The Word of the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

Or the Reader may say:

Here ends the Lesson (Reading).

Silence may be kept after each Reading. One of the following Canticles, or one of those set forth for Morning Prayer, Rite One (pp. 108–113), is sung or said after each Reading. If three Lessons are used, the Lesson from the Gospel is read after the second Canticle.

8 The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino*

Exodus 15:1–6, 11–13, 17–18

Especially suitable for use in Easter Season.

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
    the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
    the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him, *
    the God of my people and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
    Yahweh is his Name.
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
    the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the
        Red Sea.
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
    they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
    your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
    who is like you, glorious in holiness,
    awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand; *
    the earth swallowed them up.
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
    with your might you brought them in safety to your holy
        dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them *
    on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
    the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign *
    for ever and for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
        Amen.

9 The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus*

Isaiah 12:2–6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
    I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
    and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
    from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
    Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
    see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
    and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
    for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of
        Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
        Amen.

10 The Second Song of Isaiah *Quaerite Dominum*

Isaiah 55:6–11

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
    call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
    and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
    and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
    nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
    so are my ways higher than your ways,
    and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
    and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
    seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
    it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
    and prosper in that for which I sent it.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
        Amen.

11 The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare*

Isaiah 60:1–3, 11a, 14c, 18–19

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

12 A Song of Creation *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*

Song of the Three Young Men, 35–65

One or more sections of this Canticle may be used. Whatever the selection, it begins with the Invocation and concludes with the Doxology.

Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
    praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
    praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

I. The Cosmic Order

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, *
    O heavens and all waters above the heavens.
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, *
    praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, *
    all winds and fire and heat.
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, *
    praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, *
    drops of dew and flakes of snow.
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, *
    praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *
    O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, *
    praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

II. The Earth and Its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
    praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows
        upon the earth, *
    praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

III. The People of God

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

13 A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*

Song of the Three Young Men, 29–34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
    you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
    we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
    on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
    we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
    in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
    we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

14 A Song of Penitence *Kyrie Pantokrator*

Prayer of Manasseh, 1–2, 4, 6–7, 11–15

Especially suitable in Lent, and on other penitential occasions.

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *
    God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
    and of all their righteous offspring:
You made the heavens and the earth, *
    with all their vast array.
All things quake with fear at your presence; *
    they tremble because of your power.
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
    it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.
O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
    long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.
You hold back your hand; *
    you do not punish as we deserve.
In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to
        sinners, *
    that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
    and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
    and I know my wickedness only too well.
Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
    Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.
Do not let me perish in my sin, *
    nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
    and in me you will show forth your goodness.
Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your
        great mercy, *
    and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
    and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen

16 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Luke 1:68–79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
    he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
    born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
    that he would save us from our enemies, *
    from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
    and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
    to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
    holy and righteous in his sight
    all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

18 A Song to the Lamb *Dignus es*

Revelation 4:11; 5:9–10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

19 The Song of the Redeemed *Magna et mirabilia*

Revelation 15:3–4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you
have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of
your Name? *
for you only are the holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

20 Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

Glory to God in the highest,
    and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
    we worship you, we give you thanks,
    we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
    have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
    receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
    Jesus Christ,
    with the Holy Spirit,
    in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

21 You Are God *Te Deum laudamus*

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
    Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
    heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
    Father, of majesty unbounded,
    your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
    and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
    Come then, Lord, and help your people,
    bought with the price of your own blood,
    and bring us with your saints
    to glory everlasting.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Or this:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages:

A

℣. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
℟. And grant us your salvation.

℣. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
℟. Let your people sing with joy.

℣. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
℟. For only in you can we live in safety.

℣. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
℟. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

℣. Let your way be known upon earth;
℟. Your saving health among all nations.

℣. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
℟. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

℣. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
℟. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

B

℣. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
℟. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

℣. Day by day we bless you;
℟. We praise your Name for ever.

℣. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
℟. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

℣. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
℟. For we put our trust in you.

℣. In you, Lord, is our hope;
℟. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects:

The Collect of the Day

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Fridays

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Saturdays

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, one of these prayers for mission is added:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Or this:

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your

fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or the following:

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used:

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Then may be said:

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, Alleluia, alleluia *may be added to the preceding versicle and response.*

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*
2 Corinthians 13:14

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* *Ephesians 3:20, 27*

An Order of Service for Noonday

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

A suitable hymn may be sung.

One or more of the following Psalms is sung or said. Other suitable selections include Psalms 19, 67, one or more sections of Psalm 119, or a selection from Psalms 120 through 133.

Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis*

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.
106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.
107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.
108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.
109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not for get your law.
110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."

4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read:

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

People Thanks be to God.

Or the following:

If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:17–18*

People Thanks be to God.

Or this:

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

People Thanks be to God.

A meditation, silent or spoken, may follow.

The Officiant then begins the Prayers.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;
People And let our cry come to you.

Officiant and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Or this:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant then says one of the following Collects. If desired, the Collect of the Day may be used.

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake. *Amen.*

Almighty Savior, who at noonday called your servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: We pray you to illumine the world with the radiance of your glory, that all nations may come and worship you; for you live and reign for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you": Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Free intercessions may be offered.

The service concludes as follows:

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Daily Evening Prayer
Rite One

The Officiant begins the service with one or more of the following sentences of Scripture, or with the versicle "O God, make speed to save us" *(p. 157).*

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:2*

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him. *Psalm 96:9*

Thine is the day, O God, thine also the night; thou hast established the moon and the sun. Thou hast fixed all the boundaries of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15, 16*

I will bless the Lord who giveth me counsel; my heart teacheth me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7, 8*

Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name. *Amos 5:8*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to thee, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to thee are both alike. *Psalm 139:10, 11*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." *John 8:12*

The following Penitential Rite may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with "O God, make speed to save us" *(p. 157).*

Penitential Rite

The Officiant says to the people:

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Or this:

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling:

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those thingswhich we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant says:

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
 and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
 world without end. Amen.

Except in Lent, Alleluia may be added.

The following, or some other suitable hymn, or an Invitatory Psalm, may be sung or said.

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Then follows:

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
 and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
 world without end. Amen.

The Lessons

One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying:

A Reading (Lesson) from _____________.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each Lesson the Reader may say:

The Word of the Lord.
Answer Thanks be to God.

Or the Reader may say:

Here endeth the Lesson (Reading).

Silence may be kept after each Reading. One of the following Canticles, or one of those set forth for Morning Prayer, Rites One and Two (pp. 108–113, 131–142), is sung or said after each Reading. If three Lessons are used, the Lesson from the Gospel is read after the second Canticle.

The following Canticle shall be sung or said after the first Reading.

3 The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46–55

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
    and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
    the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
    all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
    and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
    throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
    he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their
        hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
    and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
    and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
    as he promised to our forefathers,
    Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
    and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
    world without end. Amen.

5 The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*

Luke 2:29–32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The text of the Creed in Evening Prayer, Rite Two, may be used instead *(p. 172).*

The Prayers

The People stand or kneel.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People:

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages.

A

℣. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
℟. And grant us thy salvation.

℣. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
℟. And make thy chosen people joyful.

℣. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
℟. For only in thee can we live in safety.

℣. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
℟. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

℣. Let thy way be known upon earth;
℟. Thy saving health among all nations.

℣. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
℟. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

℣. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
℟. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

B

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of Blessed Mary ever-virgin, (of Saint *N.*) and of all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects:

The Collect of the Day

A Collect for Sundays

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Fridays

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by thy death didst take away the sting of death: Grant unto us thy servants so to follow in faith where thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in thee, and awake up after thy likeness; for thy tender mercies' sake. *Amen.*

A Collect for Saturdays

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth thine unending day upon us who watch for thee, that our lips may praise thee, our lives may bless thee, and our worship on the morrow may give thee glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Collect for Protection

O God, who art the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. *Amen.*

Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, one of these prayers for mission is added:

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or the following:

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. *Amen.*

Or this:

O God, who dost manifest in thy servants the signs of thy presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another thine abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

Before the close of the Office, one or both of the following may be used:

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Then may be said:

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, Alleluia, alleluia *may be added to the preceding versicle and response.*

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*
2 Corinthians 13:14

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Daily Evening Prayer
Rite Two

The Officiant begins the service with one or more of the following sentences of Scripture, or with the versicle "O God, make speed to save us" (p. 169).

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:2*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. *Psalm 96:9*

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15, 16*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7, 8*

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name. *Amos 5:8*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10, 11*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*

The following Penitential Rite may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with “O God, make speed to save us” *(p. 169)**.*

Penitential Rite

The Officiant says to the people:

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Or this:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant says:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

The following, or some other suitable hymn, or an Invitatory Psalm, may be sung or said.

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Then follows:

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said:

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15 The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46–55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant
From this day all generations will call me blessed: * the
Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

17 The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*

Luke 2:29–32

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
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Amen.

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I believe in God, the Father almighty,
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He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
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was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
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Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages:

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℟. And grant us your salvation.

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peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. *Amen.*

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Collect for Protection

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

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The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People:

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we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
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and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

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An Order for Compline

The Officiant begins:

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.
Amen.

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People The maker of heaven and earth.

The Officiant may then say:

Let us confess our sins to God.

Officiant and People:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
We have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all our offenses;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant:

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Officiant then says:

O God, make speed to save us.
People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

One or more of the following Psalms are sung or said. Other suitable selections may be substituted.

Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory? *
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame: *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

Psalm 91 *Qui habitat*

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand, *
but it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes have only to behold *
to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

Psalm 134 *Ecce nunc*

1 Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, *
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.

2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord; *
the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read:

Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14:9, 22*

People Thanks be to God.

Or this:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matthew 11:28–30*

People Thanks be to God.

Or the following:

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.
Hebrews 13:20–21

People Thanks be to God.

Or this:

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8–9a*

People Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

Then follows:

℣. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
℟. For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
℣. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
℟. Hide us under the shadow of your wing.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People:

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Or this:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;
People And let our cry come to you.
Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant then says one of the following Collects:

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day

your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Saturdays

We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing your glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

One of the following prayers may be added

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

Or this:

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

The service concludes with this Antiphon, and the Song of Simeon, which are sung or said by all:

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.

In Easter Season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Song of Simeon

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
    to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
    whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *
    and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
        Amen.

All repeat the Antiphon.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.

In Easter Season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes:

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*

Here a Marian anthem may be sung.

THE LITANY

The Litany

To be said or sung, kneeling, standing, or in procession; before the Eucharist or after the Collects of Morning or Evening Prayer; or separately; especially in Lent and on Rogation days.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Saint Mary, Mother of God our Lord Jesus Christ,
Pray for us.

All holy Angels and Archangels, and all holy Orders of blessed Spirits,
Pray for us.

All holy Patriarchs and Prophets; Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors and Virgins; and the blessed Company of Heaven,
Pray for us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath; and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all uncharitableness,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless *N.*, our Pope, and *N.*, our Bishop,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and all Ministers of thy Church, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, *N.*, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may above all things seek thy honor and glory,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to guide all Judges and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, all who are in want, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, all infirm persons, and young children; and all who are bereft of spouse or parent,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in peril by reason of their labor or their travel,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy Holy Word,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, by the intercession of (*N.* and of) all thy Saints, we may finally attain to thy heavenly kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal rest and perpetual light,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

When the Litany is said or sung immediately before Mass, the Litany concludes here, the Mass beginning with the Kyrie.

Lord, have mercy upon us.	*or*	Kyrie eleison.
Christ, have mercy upon us.		*Christe eleison.*
Lord, have mercy upon us.		Kyrie eleison.

Then shall the Minister, and the People with him, say or sing the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

The Minister may, at his discretion, omit all that followeth, to the prayer "We humbly beseech thee, O Father" *(p. 195).*

Minister:

O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.
Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

The Officiant concludes with the following or some other Collect:

Let us pray.

O God, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful; Mercifully assist our prayers which we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the crafts and subtlety of the devil or man worketh against us, may, by thy good providence, be brought to nought; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name; We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to thy will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The officiant may add other Prayers, and end the Litany, saying:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

The Supplication may follow:

The Supplication

For use in the Litany in place of the Versicle and Collect which follow the Lord's Prayer; or at the end of Morning or Evening Prayer; or as a separate devotion; especially in times of war, or of national anxiety, or of disaster.

O Lord, arise, help us;
And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, help us;
And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O Lord, arise, help us;
And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

℣. From our enemies defend us, O Christ;
℟. Graciously look upon our afflictions.

℣. With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;
℟. Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

℣. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;
℟. O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

℣. Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.
℟. Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

The Officiant concludes:

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PROPER

FIRST PART

Concerning the Proper of the Church Year

The Proper of the Church Year includes the appointed Collect and Prayer over the Gifts for Sundays, Holy Days, and Various Occasions. It also contains some special propers. Unless otherwise indicated here, the readings at Mass for Sundays and weekdays are to be taken from the Lectionary of the Roman Missal, Revised by the Decree of the Second Vatican Council.

The Collect appointed for the Sunday is also used at celebrations of the Eucharist on the weekdays following, unless otherwise ordered for Holy Days and Various Occasions.

The Proper to be used on each of the Sundays after Pentecost (except for Trinity Sunday) is determined by the calendar date of that Sunday. Thus, in any year, the Proper for the Sunday after Trinity Sunday (the Second Sunday after Pentecost) is the numbered Proper (number 3 through number 8), the calendar date of which falls on that Sunday, or is closest to it, whether before or after. Thereafter, the Propers are used consecutively. For example, if the Sunday after Trinity Sunday is May 26, the sequence begins with Proper 3 (Propers 1 and 2 being used on the weekdays of Pentecost and Trinity weeks). If the Sunday after Trinity Sunday is June 13, the sequence begins with Proper 6 (Propers 1 through 3 being omitted that year, and Propers 4 and 5 being used in Pentecost and Trinity weeks).

The Collect appointed for any Sunday or other Feast may be used at the evening service of the day before.

The Proper
First Part

Of the Season—Advent through Easter Vigil

First Sunday of Advent

Collect

I. Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, from all you give us we present this bread and wine. As we serve you now, accept our offering and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Advent

Preface 4.

Second Sunday of Advent

Collect

I. Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we are nothing without you. As you sustain us with your mercy, receive our prayers and offerings. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Advent

Preface 4.

Third Sunday of Advent

Collect

I. Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

II. Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, may the gifts we offer in faith and love be a continual sacrifice in your honor and truly become our eucharist and our salvation. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Advent

Preface 4.

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are the traditional winter Ember Days. Propers for Embertide are found beginning on page 498.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Collect

I. We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, may the power of the Spirit, which sanctified Mary the mother of your Son, make holy the gifts we place upon this altar. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Advent

Preface 4.

The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day, December 25

Collect

I. O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or the following:

O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Or this:

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II. O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him

perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Or this:

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Collect immediately preceding and any sets of the Proper Lessons for Christmas Day serve for any weekdays between Holy Innocents' Day and the First Sunday after Christmas Day.

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept our gifts on this joyful feast of our salvation. By our communion with God made man, may we become more like him who joins our lives to yours, for he is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or the following:

Father, may we follow the example of your Son who became man and lived among us. May we receive the gift of divine life through these offerings here on earth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Almighty God, the saving work of Christ made our peace with you. May our offering today renew that peace within us and give you perfect praise. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Incarnation

Preface 5.

In Eucharistic Prayers I and II, the Christmas form of United in one Communion *(I) or* In union with the whole Church *(II) is said.*

First Sunday after Christmas Day: Holy Family

(Or, if Christmas falls on a Sunday, December 30)

This Sunday takes precedence over the three Holy Days which follow Christmas Day. As necessary, the observance of one, two, or all three of them is postponed one day.

Collect

I. Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

Father, help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

Father, help us to live as the holy Family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept this sacrifice; and through the prayers of Mary, the virgin Mother of God, and of her husband, Joseph, unite our families in peace and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Incarnation

Preface 5.

In Eucharistic Prayers I and II the Christmas form of United in one Communion *(I) or* In union with the whole Church *(II) is said.*

Octave of Christmas: Mary, Mother of God January 1

Collect

I. O God, who didst vouchsafe that, as at this time, thy Word was made flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: grant to us thy humble servants; that we, believing her to be indeed the Mother of God, may by her intercession find favor in thy sight. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

O God who by the childbearing of a pure Virgin hast bestowed upon all mankind the rewards of everlasting life: Grant, we beseech thee; that we may know the succor of her intercession, through whom we have been found worthy to receive the author of life, even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II. O God, who granted that, as at this time, your Word was made flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: grant us thy humble servants, that we, believing her to be indeed the Mother of God, may by her intercession find favor in your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

O God who by the childbearing of a pure Virgin gave to all people the rewards of everlasting life: Grant us we pray; that we may receive the help of her intercession, through whom we have been found worthy to receive the author of life, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father, we celebrate at this season the beginning of our salvation. On this feast of Mary, the Mother of God, we ask that our salvation will be brought to its fulfillment. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Incarnation

Preface 5.

In Eucharistic Prayers I and II the Christmas form of United in one Communion *(I) or* In union with the whole Church *(II) is said.*

Octave of Christmas: The Holy Name January 1

Collect

I. Eternal Father, who didst give to thine incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we beseech thee, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, even our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II. Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

All-powerful Father, accept our gifts in the name of Jesus Christ your Son. We have faith that we will receive whatever we ask for in his name for this is what he promised. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Incarnation

Preface 5.

In Eucharistic Prayers I and II the Christmas form of United in one Communion *(I) or* In union with the whole Church *(II) is said.*

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

Collect

I. O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, make holy these gifts through the coming of your Son, who shows us the way of truth, and promises the life of your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Incarnation

Preface 5.

The Epiphany January 6

Or the Sunday between January 2 and 8.

Collect

I. O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The preceding Collect, with the Psalm and lessons for the Epiphany, or those for the Second Sunday after Christmas Day, serves for weekdays between the Epiphany and the following Sunday. The Preface of the Epiphany is used.

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept the offerings of your Church, not gold, frankincense and myrrh, but the sacrifice and food they symbolize: Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany

Preface 6.

In Eucharistic Prayers I and II the Christmas form of United in one Communion *(I) or* In union with the whole Church *(II) is said.*

First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord

Collect

I. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we celebrate the revelation of Christ your Son who takes away the sins of the world. Accept our gifts and let them become one with his sacrifice, for he is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany

Preface 6.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Collect

I. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, may we celebrate the eucharist with reverence and love; for when we proclaim the death of the Lord, you continue the work of his redemption, who is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Preface 6, 1, 2, or 3.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Collect

I. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, receive our gifts. Let our offering make us holy and bring us salvation. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Preface 6, 1, 2, or 3.

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Collect

I. Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, be pleased with the gifts we bring to your altar, and make them the sacrament of our salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Preface 6, 1, 2, or 3.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Collect

I. Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God, may the bread and wine you give us for nourishment on earth become the sacrament of our eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Preface 6, 1, 2, or 3.

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Collect

I. O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we make this offering in obedience to your word. May it cleanse and renew us, and lead us to our eternal reward. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Preface 6, 1, 2, or 3.

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Collect

I. O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, as we make this offering, may our worship in Spirit and truth bring us salvation. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Preface 6, 1, 2, or 3.

Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

Collect

I. O most loving Father, who willest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of thee, and to cast all our care on thee who carest for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which thou hast manifested unto us in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God our Creator, may this bread and wine we offer as a sign of our love and worship lead us to salvation. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Preface 6, 1, 2, or 3.

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

This proper is always used on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

Collect

I. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

The Prayer over the Gifts appointed for the appropriate Sunday after the Epiphany, or this:

Lord, as we gather to offer our gifts confident in your love, make us holy by sharing your life with us, and by this eucharist forgive our sins. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Preface 6, 1, 2, or 3.

Ash Wednesday

On this day, the Celebrant begins the liturgy with the Salutation and the Collect of the Day.

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Collect

I. Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

This Collect, with the corresponding Psalm and Lessons, serves for the weekdays which follow, except as otherwise appointed.

Old Testament	Joel 2:1–2, 12–17, *or* Isaiah 58:1–12.
Psalm	Psalm 103, *or* 103:8–14
Epistle	2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10
Gospel	Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

After the Sermon, all stand.

The Celebrant or Minister appointed invites the People to the observance of a holy Lent, saying:

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.

The Celebrant says the following prayer:

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The ashes are imposed with the following words:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

The following Psalm is then sung or said:

Psalm 51 *Miserere mei, Deus*

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-
kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

16 Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Litany of Penitence

The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling:

Most holy and merciful Father:
We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

The Celebrant continues:

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.
Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.
Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The Bishop, if present, or the Priest, stands and, facing the People, says:

May Almighty God grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace is then exchanged.

The Litany of Penitence may be used at other times and may be preceded by an appropriate invitation and a penitential psalm.

The service continues with the Offertory.

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, help us to resist temptation by our Lenten works of charity and penance. By this sacrifice may we be prepared to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Savior, and be cleansed from sin and renewed in spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Lent

Preface 7 or 8.

First Sunday in Lent

Collect

I. Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, make us worthy to bring you these gifts. May this sacrifice help to change our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Lent

Preface 7 or 8.

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are the traditional spring Ember Days. Propers for Embertide are found beginning on page 498.

Second Sunday in Lent

Collect

I. O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith, the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, make us holy. May this eucharist take away our sins that we may be prepared to celebrate the resurrection. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Lent

Preface 7 or 8.

Third Sunday in Lent

Collect

I. Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, by the grace of this sacrifice may we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Lent

Preface 7 or 8.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Collect

I. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we offer you these gifts which bring us peace and joy. Increase our reverence by this eucharist, and bring salvation to the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Lent

Preface 7 or 8.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Collect

I. O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Almighty God, may the sacrifice we offer take away the sins of those whom you enlighten with the Christian faith. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Lent

Preface 7 or 8.

Holy Week

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms

When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession. The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the People before the service, or after the prayer of blessing.

The following or some other suitable anthem is sung or said, the People standing.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation; that we may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here a Deacon, or a Priest, reads one of the following:

Year A Matthew 21:1–11
Year B Mark 11:1–11a
Year C Luke 19:29–40

Blessing over the Branches

The Celebrant then says the following blessing:

The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches along his way. Let these

branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The preceding anthem may be sung in full to a suitable setting by the congregation or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People In the name of Christ. Amen.

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung, such as the hymn "All glory, laud, and honor" and Psalm 118:19–29.

Antiphon: Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The italicized portion of the preceding Antiphon may be repeated after each verse of the Psalm.

At services on this day other than the principal celebration, suitable portions of the preceding may be used.

At the Eucharist

When the Liturgy of the Palms immediately precedes the Eucharist, the celebration begins with the Salutation and Collect of the Day.

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Collect

I. Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament	Isaiah 45:21–25, *or* Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Psalm	Psalm 22:1–21, or 22:1–11
Epistle	Philippians 2:5–11

The Passion Gospel is announced in the following manner:

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to __________.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

Year A	Matthew 26:36—27:54(55–66), *or* 27:1–54(55–66)
Year B	Mark 14:32—15:39(40–47), *or* 15:1–39(40–47)
Year C	Luke 22:39—23:49(50–56), *or* 23:1–49(50–56)

The Passion Gospel may be read or chanted by lay persons. Specific roles may be assigned to different persons, the congregation taking the part of the crowd.

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.

At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (Matthew 27:33, Mark 15:22, Luke 23:33) all stand.

When the Liturgy of the Palms has preceded, the Nicene Creed and the Penitential Rite may be omitted at this service.

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, may the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, make us pleasing to you. Alone we can do nothing, but may this perfect sacrifice win us your mercy and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Holy Week

Preface 9.

Monday in Holy Week

Collect

I. Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, look with mercy on our offerings. May the sacrifice of Christ, your Son, bring us to eternal life, for he is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Preface of Holy Week

Preface 9.

Tuesday in Holy Week

Collect

I. O God, who by the passion of thy blessed Son didst make an instrument of shameful death to be unto us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, look with mercy on our offerings. May we who share the holy gifts receive the life they promise. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Holy Week

Preface 9.

Wednesday in Holy Week

Collect

I. O Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his back to the smiters and hid not his face from shame: Grant us grace to take joyfully the sufferings of the present time in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept the gifts we present as we celebrate this mystery of the suffering and death of your Son. May we share in the eternal life he won for us, for he is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Preface of Holy Week

Preface 9.

Maundy Thursday

The Eucharist begins in the usual manner, using the following Collect, Psalm, and Lessons.

Collect

I. God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament hath left unto us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament	Exodus 12–14a
Psalm	Psalm 78:14–20, 23–25
Epistle	1 Corinthians 11:23–26(27–32)
Gospel	John 13:1–15, *or* Luke 22:14–30

When observed, the ceremony of the washing of feet appropriately follows the Gospel and homily.

During the ceremony, the following or other suitable anthems may be sung or said.

Anthem 1

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, “Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done.”

Anthem 2

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

Anthem 3

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

The service continues with the Prayers of the People.

Because the Holy Communion is administered from the reserved Sacrament on Good Friday, the Sacrament for that purpose is consecrated at this service.

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, make us worthy to celebrate these mysteries. Each time we offer this memorial sacrifice the work of our redemption is accomplished. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Preface of Holy Week, or of the Holy Eucharist

Preface 9 or 14.

When the Roman Canon (Old English Translation) is used, the Maundy Thursday form of Who the day before he suffered *is said; in the Roman Canon, the Holy Thursday forms of* Father, accept this offering *and of* The day before he suffered *are said.*

The Mass concludes with the Postcommunion Prayer.

Transfer of the Holy Eucharist

After the prayer the priest stands before the altar and puts incense in the thurible. Kneeling, he incenses the Blessed Sacrament three times. Then he receives the humeral veil, takes the ciborium, and covers it with the ends of the veil.

The Blessed Sacrament is carried through the church in procession, led by a cross-bearer and accompanied by candles and incense, to the place of reposition prepared in a chapel suitably decorated for the occasion. During the procession the hymn Pange, lingua (exclusive of the last two stanzas) or some other eucharistic song is sung.

When the procession reaches the place of reposition, the priest sets the ciborium down. Then he puts incense in the thurible and, kneeling, incenses the Blessed Sacrament, while Tantum ergo Sacramentum is sung. The tabernacle of reposition is then closed.

After a period of silent adoration, the priest and ministers genuflect and return to the sacristy.

Then the altar is stripped and, if possible, the crosses are removed from the church. It is desirable to cover any crosses which remain in the church.

Vespers are not said by those who participate in the evening Mass.

The faithful should be encouraged to continue adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for a suitable period of time during the night, according to local circumstances; but there should be no solemn adoration after midnight.

Good Friday

The Liturgy of the Word

On this day the ministers enter in silence. All then kneel for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins the liturgy with the Collect of the Day. Immediately before the Collect, the Celebrant may say or sing:

Blessed be our God,
People For ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament	Isaiah 52:13—53:12, *or* Genesis 22:1–18, *or* Wisdom 2:1, 12–24
Psalm	Psalm 22:1–11(12–21), *or* 40:1–14, *or* 69:1–23
Epistle	Hebrews 10:1–25
Gospel	John 18:1—19:37, *or* 19:1–37.

The Passion Gospel is announced in the following manner:

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The Passion Gospel may be read or chanted by lay persons. Specific roles may be assigned to different persons, the congregation taking the part of the crowd.

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (John 19:17) all stand.

The Sermon follows.

A hymn may then be sung.

The Solemn Collects

All standing, the Deacon, or other person appointed, says to the People:

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

In the biddings which follow, the indented petitions may be adapted by addition or omission, as appropriate, at the discretion of the Celebrant. The People may be directed to stand or kneel.

The biddings may be read by a Deacon or other person appointed.

The Celebrant says the Collects.

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service.
For our Holy Father, Pope *N.*
For all bishops and other ministers
and the people whom they serve.
For *N.*, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese.
For all Christians in this community.
For those about to be baptized (particularly *NN.*).

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

For *N.*, the President of the United States.
For the Congress and the Supreme Court.
For the nations of the world.
For all who serve the common good.

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence.

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed.
For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled.
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish.
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair.
For the sorrowful and bereaved.
For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger.

That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence.

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;

For those who have never heard the word of salvation.
For those who have lost their faith.
For those hardened by sin or indifference.
For the contemptuous and the scornful.
For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples.
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others.

That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence.

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Veneration of the Cross

After the general intercessions, the veneration of the cross takes place.

Pastoral demands will determine which of the two forms is more effective and should be chosen.

First Form of Showing the Cross

The veiled cross is carried to the altar, accompanied by two ministers with lighted candles. Standing at the altar, the priest takes the cross, uncovers the upper part of it, then elevates it and begins the invitation: This is the wood of the cross*, etc. He is assisted in the singing by the sacred ministers or, if convenient, by the choir. All respond: Come, let us worship. At the end of the singing all kneel and venerate the cross briefly in silence; the priest remains standing and holds the cross high.*

Then the priest uncovers the right arm of the cross, lifts it up, and again begins the invitation: This is the wood of the cross*, and the rite is repeated as before.*

Finally he uncovers the entire cross, lifts it up and begins the invitation: This is the wood of the cross *a third time, and the rite is repeated as before.*

Accompanied by two ministers with lighted candles, the priest then carries the cross to the entrance of the sanctuary or to another suitable place. There he lays the cross down or hands it to the ministers to hold. Candles are placed on each side of the cross, and the veneration follows as below.

Second Form of Showing the Cross

The priest or deacon, accompanied by the ministers or by another suitable minister, goes to the church door. There he takes the (uncovered) cross, and the ministers take lighted candles. They go in procession through the church to the sanctuary. Near the entrance of the church, in the middle of the church, and at the entrance to the sanctuary, the one carrying the cross stops, lifts it up and sings the invitation: Behold the wood of the cross*, etc.*

All respond: O come, let us worship. *After each response all kneel and venerate the cross briefly in silence as above.*

Then the cross and candles are placed at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Invitation

℣. This is the wood of the cross, on which hung the Savior of the world.
℟. Come, let us worship.

Veneration of the Cross

The priest, clergy, and faithful approach to venerate the cross in a kind of procession. They make a simple genuflection or perform some other appropriate sign of reverence according to local custom, for example, kissing the cross. During the veneration the antiphon We glory in thy cross*, the reproaches, or other suitable songs are sung. All who have venerated the cross return to their places and sit.*

Only one cross should be used for veneration. If the number of People makes it impossible for everyone to venerate the cross individually, the priest may take the cross, after some of the faithful have venerated it, and stand in the center in front of the altar. In a few words he invites the People to venerate the cross, and then holds it up briefly for them to worship in silence. After the veneration, the cross is carried to its place at the altar, and the lighted candles are placed around the altar or near the cross.

Anthem 1

We glory in thy cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify thy holy resurrection;
for by virtue of thy cross joy hath come to the whole world.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
and show us the light of his countenance,
and be merciful unto us;
That thy ways may be known upon earth,
thy saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise thee, O God;
yea, let all the peoples praise thee.
We glory in thy cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify thy holy resurrection;
for by virtue of thy cross
joy hath come to the whole world.

Anthem 2

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;
if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Anthem 3

O Savior of the world,
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us:
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

The hymn "Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle," or some other hymn extolling the glory of the cross, is then sung.

The Holy Communion

The altar is covered with a cloth, and the corporal and book are placed upon it.

The ciborium containing the Blessed Sacrament is brought in silence by the Deacon or Celebrant from the place of reposition to the altar. Two servers with lighted candles accompany him, then place their candles near the altar or on it. The Deacon or Celebrant places the ciborium on the altar, uncovers it, and genuflects.

Penitential Rite I

The Deacon or Celebrant says:

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Minister and People:

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this:

The Deacon or Celebrant says:

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
   in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says:

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Penitential Rite II

The Deacon or Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says:

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

The Celebrant, standing at the Altar, sings or says (form I or II):

I

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

II

As our Savior Christ has taught us,
we now pray,

People and Celebrant:

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
    as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
    but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
    and the power, and the glory,
    for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
    as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
    and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, and the power,
    and the glory are yours,
    now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Sacrament is then administered with the customary words.

Final Prayer

The service concludes with the following prayer. No blessing or dismissal is added.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Holy Saturday

There is no celebration of the Eucharist on this day.

When there is a Liturgy of the Word, the Celebrant begins with the Collect of the Day.

Collect

I. O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of thy dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament	Job 14:1–14
Psalm	Psalm 130, *or* 31:1–5
Epistle	1 Peter 4:1–8
Gospel	Matthew 27:57–66, *or* John 19:38–42

After the Gospel (and homily), in place of the Prayers of the People, the following Anthem is sung or said:

In the midst of life we are in death;
from whom can we seek help?
From you alone, O Lord,
who for our sins are justly angered.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy and merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.

Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts;
shut not your ears to our prayers;
but spare us, O Lord.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy and merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.

O worthy and eternal Judge,
do not let the pains of death
turn us away from you at our last hour.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy and merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.

The service then concludes with the Lord's Prayer and the Grace.

The Great Vigil of Easter

Concerning the Vigil

The Great Vigil is the first service of Easter Day. It is celebrated at a convenient time between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Morning.

The service normally consists of four parts:

—The Service of Light.
—The Service of Lessons.
—Christian Initiation, or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.
—The Holy Eucharist with the administration of Easter Communion.

It is customary for all the ordained ministers present, together with lay readers, singers, and other persons, to take active parts in the service.

The bishop, when present, is the chief celebrant, presides at Baptism and administers Confirmation, and normally preaches the sermon.

The priests who are present share among them the reading of the Collects which follow each Lesson, and assist at Baptism and the Eucharist. In the absence of a bishop, a priest presides at the service.

It is the prerogative of a deacon to carry the Paschal Candle to its place, and to chant the Exsultet. Deacons likewise assist at Baptism and the Eucharist according to their order.

Lay persons read the Lessons and the Epistle, and assist in other ways. A lay person may be assigned to chant the Exsultet. It is desirable that each Lesson be read by a different reader.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant may address the People in these or similar words:

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

The Celebrant may say the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify ✠ this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

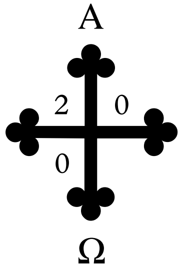
Depending on the nature of the congregation, it may seem appropriate to stress the dignity and significance of the Easter candle with other symbolic rites. This may be done as follows:

After the blessing of the new fire, an acolyte or one of the servers brings the Paschal candle to the celebrant, who cuts a cross in the wax with a stylus.

Then he traces the Greek letter alpha above the cross, the letter omega below, and the numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross.

Meanwhile he says:

1. Christ yesterday and today (*as he traces the vertical arm of the cross*),
2. the beginning and the end (*the horizontal arm*),
3. Alpha (*alpha, above the cross*),
4. and Omega (*omega, below the cross*),
5. all time belongs to him (*the first numeral, in the upper left corner of the cross*),
6. and all the ages (*the second numeral in the upper right corner*),
7. to him be glory and power (*the third numeral in the lower left corner*),
8. through every age and for ever. Amen (*the last numeral in the lower right corner*).



When the cross and other marks have been made, the priest may insert five grains of incense in the candle . He does this in the form of a cross, saying:

1.	By his holy		1	
2.	and glorious wounds			
3.	may Christ our Lord	4	2	5
4.	guard us			
5.	and keep us. Amen.		3	

The priest lights the candle from the new fire, saying:

May the Light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Any or all of the preceding rites may be used, depending on local pastoral circumstances. The conference of bishops may also determine other rites better adapted to the culture of the People.

Procession

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon (the Celebrant if there is no deacon) bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying:

The light of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Candles distributed to members of the congregation are lighted from the Paschal Candle at this time. Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, may also be lighted.

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

Exsultet

Then the Deacon, or other person appointed, standing near the Candle, sings or says the Exsultet, as follows (the indicated sections may be omitted):

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,
and let your trumpets shout Salvation
for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,
bright with a glorious splendor,
for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,
resound with the praises of thy people.

[All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,
pray with me to God the Almighty
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.] *Amen.*

Deacon The Lord be with you.
Answer And with thy spirit.
Deacon Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
Answer It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Deacon continues:

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered thy faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

[How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.]

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knoweth no setting, find it ever burning—he that giveth his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

It is customary that the Paschal Candle burn at all services from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Celebrant may introduce the Scripture readings in these or similar words:

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

At least two of the following Lessons are read, of which one is always the Lesson from Exodus. After each Lesson, the Psalm or Canticle listed, or some other psalm, canticle, or hymn may be sung. A period of silence may be kept; and the Collect provided, or some other suitable Collect, may be said. (The Collects may be sung to a monotone or sung to either of the Collect Tones.)

The story of Creation

Genesis 1:1—2:2
Psalm 33:1–11, or Psalm 36:5–10

Let us pray.

Silence.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Flood

Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13
Psalm 46

Let us pray.

Silence.

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac

Genesis 22:1–18
Psalm 33:12–22, or Psalm 16

Let us pray.

Silence.

God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10—15:1
Canticle 8, The Song of Moses

Let us pray.

Silence.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

God's Presence in a renewed Israel

Isaiah 4:2–6
Psalm 122

Let us pray.

Silence.

O God, you led your ancient people by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we, who serve you now on earth, may come to the joy of that heavenly Jerusalem, where all tears are wiped away and where your saints for ever sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Salvation offered freely to all

Isaiah 55:1–11
Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah; or Psalm 42:1–7

Let us pray.

Silence.

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A new heart and a new spirit

Ezekiel 36:24–28
Psalm 42:1–7; or Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah

Let us pray.

Silence.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The valley of dry bones

Ezekiel 37:1–14
Psalm 30, or Psalm 143

Let us pray.

Silence.

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The gathering of God's people

Zephaniah 3:12–20
Psalm 98, or Psalm 126

Let us pray.

Silence.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A homily may be preached after any of the preceding Readings.

Christian Initiation, or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Liturgy of Baptism

The priest goes with the ministers to the baptismal font, if this can be seen by the congregation. Otherwise a vessel of water is placed in the sanctuary.

If there are candidates to be baptized, they are called forward and presented by their godparents. If there are children, the parents and godparents bring them forward in front of the congregation.

Then the priest speaks to the People in these or similar words:

—If there are candidates to be baptized:

Dear friends in Christ,
as our brothers and sisters approach the waters of rebirth,
let us help them by our prayers,
and ask God, our almighty Father,
to support then with his mercy and love.

—If the font is to be blessed, but there are none to be baptized:

Dear friends in Christ,
let us ask God, the almighty Father,
to bless this font,
that those reborn in it
may be made one with his adopted children in Christ.

The litany is sung by two cantors. All present stand (as is customary during the Easter season) and answer.

If there is to be a procession of some length to the baptistery, the litany is sung in procession. In this case those who are to be baptized are first called forward. Then the procession begins: the Easter candle is carried first, followed by the candidates with their godparents, and the priest with the ministers. The above instruction is given before the blessing of the water.

If there is no one to be baptized and the font is not to be blessed, the litany is omitted, and the blessing of water takes place at once.

In the litany some names of saints may be added, especially the titular of the church, the local patrons, or the saints of those to be baptized.

Lord, have mercy.	*Lord, have mercy.*
Christ, have mercy.	*Christ, have mercy.*
Lord, have mercy.	*Lord, have mercy.*
Holy Mary, Mother of God:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Michael:	*Pray for us.*
Holy angels of God:	*Pray for us.*
Saint John the Baptist:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Joseph:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Peter and Saint Paul:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Andrew:	*Pray for us.*
Saint John:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Mary Magdalene:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Stephen:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Ignatius:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Lawrence:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Agnes:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Gregory:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Augustine:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Athanasius:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Basil:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Martin:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Benedict:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Francis and Saint Dominic:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Francis Xavier:	*Pray for us.*
Saint John Vianney:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Catherine:	*Pray for us.*
Saint Theresa:	*Pray for us.*
All holy men and women:	*Pray for us.*
Lord, be merciful:	*Lord, save your people.*
From all evil:	*Lord, save your people.*
From every sin:	*Lord, save your people.*
From everlasting death:	*Lord, save your people.*
By your coming as man:	*Lord, save your people.*

By your death and rising to life: *Lord, save your people.*
By your gift of the Holy Spirit: *Lord, save your people.*
Be merciful to us sinners: *Lord, save your people.*

—If there are candidates to be baptized:

Give new life to these chosen ones
by the grace of baptism: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

—If there is no one to be baptized:

By thy grace bless this font
where thy children will be reborn: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Jesus, Son of the living God: *Lord, hear our prayer.*
Christ, hear us: *Christ, hear us.*
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer: *Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.*

Blessing of Water

The priest then blesses the baptismal water. With hands joined, he sings or says the following prayer:

Father, you give us grace through sacramental signs,
which tell us of the wonders of your unseen power.

In baptism we use your gift of water,
which you have made a rich symbol
of the grace you give us in this sacrament.

At the very dawn of creation
your Spirit breathed on the waters,
making them the wellspring of all holiness.

The waters of the great flood
you made a sign of the waters of baptism,
that make an end of sin and a new beginning of goodness.

Through the waters of the Red Sea
you led Israel out of slavery,
to be an image of God's holy people,
set free from sin by baptism.

In the waters of the Jordan
your Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Spirit.

Your Son willed that water and blood
should flow from his side
as he hung upon the cross.

After his resurrection he told his disciples:
"Go out and teach all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Father, look now with love upon your Church
and unseal for her the fountain of baptism.
By the power of the Spirit
give to the water of this font
the grace of your Son.

You created man in your own likeness:
Cleanse him from sin in a new birth of innocence
by water and the Spirit.

The priest may lower the Easter candle into the water either once or three times, as he continues:

We ask you, Father, with your Son,
to send the Holy Spirit upon the waters of this font.

He holds the candle in the water.

May all who are buried with Christ
in the death of baptism
rise also with him to newness of life.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the candle is taken out of the water as the People sing the acclamation:

Springs of water, bless the Lord.
Give him glory and praise for ever.

Any other appropriate acclamation may be sung.

Those who are to be baptized renounce the devil individually. Then they are questioned about their faith and are baptized.

Adults are confirmed immediately after baptism, if a bishop or a priest with the faculty to confirm is present.

If no one is to be baptized and the font is not to be blessed, the priest blesses the water with the following prayer:

My brothers and sisters,
let us ask the Lord our God
to bless this water he has created,
which we shall use to recall our baptism.
May he renew us
and keep us faithful to the Spirit
we have all received.

All pray silently for a short while.

With hands joined, the priest continues:

Lord our God,
this night your people keep prayerful vigil.
Be with us as we recall the wonder of our creation
and the greater wonder of our redemption.
Bless this water: It makes the seed to grow,
it refreshes us and makes us clean.
You have made of it a servant of your loving-kindness:
Through water you set your people free,
and quenched their thirst in the desert.
With water the prophets announced a new covenant
that you would make with man.
By water, made holy by Christ in the Jordan,
you made our sinful nature new
in the bath that gives rebirth.
Let this water remind us of our baptism;
let us share the joys of our brothers
who are baptized this Easter.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

In the absence of candidates for Baptism or Confirmation, the Celebrant leads the People in the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

The Celebrant may first address the People in these or similar words, all standing:

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil
and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,
and in the prayers?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example
the Good News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbor as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace
among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?
People I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows:

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant sprinkles the People with blessed water.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle.

One of the following Canticles is then sung. Immediately before the Canticle the Celebrant may say to the People:

	Alleluia, Christ is risen.
People	The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.

The Canticles

Gloria in excelsis
Te Deum laudamus
Pascha nostrum

The Celebrant then says:

	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Collect

The Celebrant says one of the following collects:

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

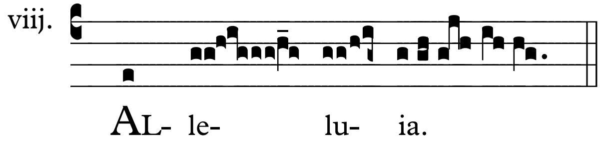
Or this:

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Epistle Romans 6:3–11

"Alleluia" may be sung and repeated.

The following Alleluia melody is traditionally sung three times by the Celebrant or by the Cantor, at successively higher pitches, the Congregation repeating it each time.



Psalm 114, or some other suitable psalm or a hymn may be sung, after which the "Alleluia" may be repeated.

Gospel Matthew 28:1–10

If a sermon or homily was not preached earlier, it follows here.

The Nicene Creed is not used at this service.

The celebration continues with the Prayers of the People.

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept the prayers and offerings of your people. With your help may this Easter mystery of our redemption bring to perfection the saving work you have begun in us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Easter

Preface 10.

The Easter forms of United in one Communion *and* We beseech thee then, O Lord *are said in Eucharistic Prayer I; in Eucharistic Prayer II, the Easter forms of* In union with the whole Church *and* Father, accept this offering *are said.*

The Easter Dismissal is used through the Day of Pentecost.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Concerning the Celebration

It is the bishop's prerogative, when present, to be the principal celebrant at the Lord's Table, and to preach the Gospel.

At all celebrations of the Liturgy, it is fitting that the principal celebrant, whether bishop or priest, be assisted by other priests, and by deacons and lay persons.

It is appropriate that the other priests present stand with the celebrant at the Altar, and join in the consecration of the gifts, in breaking the Bread, and in distributing Communion.

A deacon should read the Gospel and may lead the Prayers of the People. Deacons should also serve at the Lord's Table, preparing and placing on it the offerings of bread and wine, and assisting in the ministration of the Sacrament to the people. In the absence of a deacon, these duties may be performed by an assisting priest.

Lay persons appointed by the celebrant should normally be assigned the reading of the Lessons which precede the Gospel, and may lead the Prayers of the People.

Morning or Evening Prayer may be used in place of all that precedes the Peace and the Offertory, provided that a lesson from the Gospel is always included, and that the intercessions conform to the directions given for the Prayers of the People.

Additional Directions

The Holy Table is spread with a clean white cloth during the celebration.

When the Great Litany is sung or said immediately before the Eucharist, the Litany concludes with the Kyries, and the Eucharist begins with the Salutation and the Collect of the Day. The Prayers of the People following the Creed may be omitted.

When a psalm is used, it may be concluded with the *Gloria Patri*. In Rite One services, the following form of the Gloria may be used:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
    and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
    world without end. Amen.

The *Kyrie eleison* (or "Lord, have mercy") may be sung or said in threefold, sixfold, or ninefold form. The Trisagion, "Holy God," may be sung or said three times, or antiphonally.

The *Gloria in excelsis*, or the hymn used in place of it, is sung or said from Christmas Day through the Feast of the Epiphany; on Sundays from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost; on all the days of Easter Week; and on Ascension Day; on Solemnities and Feasts; and at other times as desired; but it is not used on the Sundays or ordinary weekdays of Advent or Lent.

It is desirable that the Lessons be read from a lectern or pulpit, and that the Gospel be read from the same lectern, or from the pulpit, or from the midst of the congregation. It is desirable that the Lessons and Gospel be read from a book or books of appropriate size and dignity.

The greeting, "The peace of the Lord be always with you," is addressed to the entire assembly. In the exchange between individuals which may follow, any appropriate words of greeting may be used. If preferred, the exchange of the Peace may take place at the time of the administration of the Sacrament (before or after the sentence of Invitation).

Necessary announcements may be made before the service, after the Creed, before the Offertory, or at the end of the service, as convenient.

It is the function of a deacon to make ready the Table for the celebration, preparing and placing upon it the bread and wine. A little water is added to the wine. The deacon may be assisted by other ministers.

During the Eucharistic Prayer, it is appropriate that there be only one chalice on the Altar, and, if need be, a flagon of wine is to be consecrated, from which additional chalices may be filled after the Breaking of the Bread.

While the people are coming forward to receive Communion, the celebrant receives the Sacrament in both kinds. The bishops, priests, and deacons at the Holy Table then communicate, and after them the people.

The Sacrament may be received in both kinds separately or simultaneously, in a manner approved by the bishop. When the celebrant is assisted by a deacon or another priest, it is customary

for the celebrant to administer the consecrated Bread and the assistant the Chalice. In the absence of sufficient deacons and priests, approved lay persons may assist in the administration of Holy Communion.

The Scripture readings are taken from the Roman Lectionary for Mass in the translations approved by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, namely, the Revised Standard Version (Catholic Edition), the New American Bible, and the Jerusalem Bible.

The Holy Eucharist
Rite One

An Exhortation

This Exhortation may be used, in whole or in part, either during the Liturgy or at other times. In the absence of a deacon or Priest, this Exhortation may be read by a lay person. The People stand or sit.

Beloved in the Lord: Our Savior Christ, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood as a sign and pledge of his love, for the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of his death, and for a spiritual sharing in his risen life. For in these holy Mysteries we are made one with Christ, and Christ with us; we are made one body in him, and members one of another.

Having in mind, therefore, his great love for us, and in obedience to his command, his Church renders to Almighty God our heavenly Father never-ending thanks for the creation of the world, for his continual providence over us, for his love for all mankind, and for the redemption of the world by our Savior Christ, who took upon himself our flesh, and humbled himself even to death on the cross, that he might make us the children of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, and exalt us to everlasting life.

But if we are to share rightly in the celebration of those holy Mysteries, and be nourished by that spiritual Food, we must remember the dignity of that holy Sacrament. I therefore call upon you to consider how Saint Paul exhorts all persons to prepare themselves carefully before eating of that Bread and drinking of that Cup.

For, as the benefit is great, if with penitent hearts and living faith we receive the holy Sacrament, so is the danger great, if we receive it improperly, not recognizing the Lord's Body. Judge yourselves, therefore, lest you be judged by the Lord.

Examine your lives and conduct by the rule of God's commandments, that you may perceive wherein you have offended in what you have done or left undone, whether in thought, word, or deed. And acknowledge your sins before Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life, being ready to make restitution for all injuries and wrongs done by you to others; and also being ready to forgive those who have offended you, in order that you yourselves may be forgiven. And then, being reconciled with one another, come to the banquet of that most heavenly Food.

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory in the Church evermore. Through him let us offer continually the sacrifice of praise, which is our bounden duty and service, and, with faith in him, come boldly before the throne of grace [and humbly confess our sins to Almighty God].

The Decalogue: Traditional

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Penitential Rite A

For use at the beginning of the Liturgy, or as a separate service.

When this penitential act follows the General Intercessions (Prayers of the People), it is omitted here.

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The People standing, the Celebrant says:

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost:

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In Lent and on other penitential occasions

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People His mercy endureth for ever.

When used as a separate service, the Exhortation (p. 277) may be read, or a homily preached.

The Decalogue (p. 279) may be said, the People kneeling.

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences:

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37–40*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

The Deacon or Celebrant then says:

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Or this:

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires
    of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we
    ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we
    ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,

according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant says:

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

When this Order is used at the beginning of the Liturgy, the service continues with the Kyrie eleison, the Trisagion. or the Gloria in excelsis.

When the Order is used separately, the penitents go to the Priests designated for individual confession, and confess their sins. Each penitent receives and accepts a fitting form of satisfaction, and is absolved. After hearing the confession the Priest extends his hands (or at least his right hand) over the penitent's head and grants absolution.

Everything else which is customary in individual confession is omitted.

Liturgy of the Word

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The People standing, the Celebrant says:

	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost:

Celebrant	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In Lent and on other penitential occasions:

Celebrant	Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
People	His mercy endureth for ever.

The Celebrant says:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Ten Commandments (p. 279) may be said, or the following:

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Here is sung or said:

Lord, have mercy upon us.	*or*	Kyrie eleison.
Christ, have mercy upon us.		*Christe eleison.*
Lord, have mercy upon us.		Kyrie eleison.

Or this:

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

On Sundays and Holy Days appointed, the following is sung or said, all standing:

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
  we worship thee,
  we glorify thee,
  we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
  that takest away the sins of the world,
  have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
  receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
  have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
  thou only art the Lord;
  thou only, O Christ,
  with the Holy Ghost,
  art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the People:

The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

People Amen.

The Lessons

The People sit.

One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying:

A Reading (Lesson) from ___________ .

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each Reading, the Reader may say:

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Or the Reader may say:

Here endeth the Reading (Epistle).

Silence may follow.

A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to ___________.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Reader says:

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing:

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,

Genuflect.

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;

Stand.

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Intercession is offered according to one of the following forms, the People kneeling.

Intercession (Form I)

The Deacon or other minister appointed says:

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The Deacon or other minister continues:

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to *N.*, our Pope, to *N.*, our Bishop, and to all bishops and other ministers [especially *N.*…], that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [especially *N.*…], that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [*N.* and] all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially *N.*. . . .], beseeching thee to be merciful and grant them fulness of joy in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, [of Saint *N.*], and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

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Intercession (Form II)

The Deacon or other minister says:

Let us offer our prayers to Almighty God.

The Leader and People pray responsively; the People kneeling.

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our Holy Father, Pope *N.*, for our Bishop, *N.*, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That they may work for thy peace on earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on [*N.* and on] those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to [*N.* and to] all the departed eternal rest;
And let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for the Blessed Virgin Mary, [for Saint *N.*] and for all thy saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

The Celebrant concludes with this Collect, or one of the Collects beginning on page 325:

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we pray: Help us to ask only those things that are in accordance with thy Will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Mass continues with the Penitential Rite on page 298.

Intercession (Form III)

The Deacon or other minister sings or says:

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy" [*or* "Kyrie eleison"].

The People kneel. The Deacon or other minister continues:

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

For *N.*, our Pope, *N.*, our bishop, and for all bishops, priests and deacons, and all God's holy people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

For all children, born and unborn, for parents, and for all families, [especially *N.,* for whom we offer this Mass], let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

For deliverance from all danger and violence, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, [especially *N.*], let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

For the faithful departed of this parish [*or* community], [for *N.*, for whom we offer this Mass] and for all who have departed this life in the hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

In the communion of the blessed ever-Virgin Mary, [of Saint *N.*] and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant concludes with this Doxology, or one of the Collects beginning on page 325:

For thine is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Mass continues with the Penitential Rite on page 298.

Intercession (Form IV)

The Deacon or other minister sings or says:

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

The People kneel. The Deacon or other minister continues:

For the holy Catholic Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For *N.*, our Pope, for *N.*, our bishop, for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in thee, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as thou and the Father are one, we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

> For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to thee, O Lord.
> *Lord, have mercy.*
>
> For the peace of the world: That respect and forbearance may grow among the nations and peoples, we pray to thee, O Lord.
> *Lord, have mercy.*

For all children, born and unborn, that they may be protected from all evil and come to know the joy of thy creation, we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; [for the special intentions of *N.*, for whom we offer this Mass], for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For [*N.* and for] all who have died in the communion of thy Church, and those whose faith is known to thee alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, [of Saint *N.*], and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant concludes:

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days: that, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Mass continues with the Penitential Rite on page 298.

Intercession (Form V)

The Deacon or other leaders says:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People kneel. The Deacon or other leader continues:

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory in the world.

Silence.

Lord, in thy mercy:
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence.

Lord, in thy mercy:
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, [especially *N.*], and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as He loves us.

Silence.

Lord, in thy mercy:
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, [especially *N.*]; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of thy salvation.

Silence.

Lord, in thy mercy:
Hear our prayer.

We commend to thy mercy all who have died, [especially *N.*,

for whom we offer this Mass], that thy will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, [with Saint *N.*], and with all thy saints in thine eternal kingdom.

Silence.

Lord, in thy mercy:
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology:

For thine is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Mass continues with the Penitential Rite on page 298.

Penitential Rite B

A Penitential Rite is used here if it has not been said earlier.

The Deacon or Celebrant says the following, or else the Exhortation on page 277.

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People:

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this:

The Officiant says:

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Officiant says:

May Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Deacon or other minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying:

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.
1 John 2:1–2

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the People:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

During the offertory, a psalm, hymn, or anthem may be sung. Meanwhile the ministers place the corporal, the purificator, and the chalice on the altar.

Sufficient hosts (and wine) for the communion of the faithful are to be prepared. It is most important that the faithful should receive the Body of the Lord in hosts consecrated at the same Mass and should share the Cup when it is permitted. Communion is thus a clearer sign of sharing in the sacrifice which is actually taking place.

It is desirable that the participation of the faithful be expressed by members of the congregation bringing up the bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist or other gifts for the needs of the Church and the poor.

The Priest, standing at the altar, takes the paten with the bread, and holding it slightly raised above the altar, says quietly:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Then he places the paten with the bread on the corporal.

If no offertory psalm, hymn, or anthem is sung, the Priest may say the preceding words in an audible voice.

Then the People may respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The Deacon (or the Priest) pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Then the Priest takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, says quietly:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

Then he places the chalice on the corporal.

If no offertory psalm, hymn, or anthem is sung, the Priest may say the preceding words in an audible voice. Then the People may respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The Priest bows and says quietly:

Lord God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.

He may now incense the offerings and the altar. Afterwards the Deacon or server incenses the Priest and People.

Next the Priest stands at the side of the altar and washes his hands, saying quietly:

Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.

Standing at the center of the altar, facing the People, he extends and then joins his hands, saying

Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

The People respond:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

The People kneel.

Prayer over the Gifts

With hands extended, the Priest sings or says the prayer over the gifts, at the end of which the People respond:

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Priest begins the eucharistic prayer.

The Celebrant, whether Bishop or Priest, faces the People and sings or says:

	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People	It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed (see the following pages).

Proper Prefaces

Preface of the Lord's Day

To be used on Sundays as appointed, but not on the succeeding weekdays.

1. Of God the Father (*Preface 1*)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or the following:

2. Of God the Son (*Preface 2*)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Or this:

3. Of God the Holy Spirit (*Preface 3*)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

On Weekdays after Pentecost (*no Proper Preface*)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Prefaces for Seasons

To be used on Sundays and weekdays alike, except as otherwise appointed for Holy Days and Various Occasions

Advent (Preface 4)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Incarnation (Preface 5)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Epiphany (Preface 6)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lent (Preface 7)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Or this:

Lent (Preface 8)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

Holy Week (Preface 9)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Easter (Preface 10)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; but chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Ascension (Preface 11)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection manifestly appeared to his disciples; and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Pentecost (Preface 12)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose true promise the Holy Ghost came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to thy Church the power to serve thee as a royal priesthood, and to preach the gospel to all nations.

The Preface for Weekdays after Pentecost is on page 304.

Prefaces for Other Occasions

Trinity Sunday (Preface 13)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; for with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Body and Blood of Christ— The Holy Eucharist (Preface 14)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the day before he offered himself for us upon the altar of the cross, poured out for all mankind the richness of his love and mercy, and from the treasury of his heart brought forth the mystery of the Eucharist: wherein the faith of them that believe is nourished, their hope increased, their love made strong, and a pledge of future glory is received.

Sacred Heart (Preface 15)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; who didst will that thine only-begotten Son, hanging upon the cross, should be pierced by the spear of a soldier; that his Heart, manifest as the shrine of thy heavenly bounty, might pour forth for us floods of grace and of compassion: and that, since it hath never ceased to burn for us with ardent longing, it might be the resting place of them that love thee, and the ever open refuge of safety for the penitent.

Christ the King (Preface 16)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; who hast anointed thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ with the oil of gladness, to be a priest for ever and king of all: so that by offering himself upon the altar of the cross, a pure and atoning victim, he might accomplish the mystery of man's redemption; and, subduing unto his rule the whole creation, might render unto thine eternal Majesty a kingdom endless and universal: a kingdom of truth and life; a kingdom of grace and holiness; a kingdom of peace, of love, and of righteousness.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Dedication of a Church (Preface 17)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before thee a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in thy sight.

Blessed Virgin Mary (Preface 18)

According to the name of the feast is said: in the Immaculate Conception*, or* in the Visitation*, or* in the Assumption*, or* in the Nativity*, or* in the Presentation.

In Masses of the Seven Sorrows is said: in the Transfixion.

On the Memorial of Mount Carmel is said: in the Commemoration.

On all other Feasts is said: on the Festival.

In the Mass of St. Mary on Saturday, and also in Votive Masses in which no special Mystery is celebrated, is said: in Veneration.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; and that in (*name of feast*) of Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, we should praise thee, bless thee, and extol thee: for, by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost, she conceived thine Only-begotten; and in the abiding glory of her virginity, shed forth upon this world the everlasting Light, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Saint Joseph (Preface 19)

Upon the Feasts is said: on the Festival*; in votive Masses is said:* in Veneration.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; and that on the Festival [*or* in veneration] of blessed Joseph, we should magnify thee with duteous praises, bless thee, and extol thee; because he, being a just man, was espoused to the Virgin Mother of God by thine appointment, a faithful and wise servant, made ruler over thy household; that with fatherly care, he might guard thine only-begotten Son, conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

Apostles (Preface 20)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through the great shepherd of thy flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even unto the end of the ages.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

A Saint (Preface 21)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been the chosen vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

Or this:

(Preface 22)
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; who in the obedience of thy saints hast given us an example of righteousness, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling.

Or this:

(Preface 23)
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because thou art greatly glorified in the assembly of thy saints. All thy creatures praise thee, and thy faithful servants bless thee, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of thine only Son.

All Saints (Preface 24)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; who, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, and aided by their prayers, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Baptism (Preface 25)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy

Father, almighty, everlasting God; because in Jesus Christ our Lord thou hast received us as thy sons and daughters, made us citizens of thy kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Marriage (Preface 26)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; because in the love of wife and husband, thou hast given us an image of the heavenly Jerusalem, adorned as a bride for her bridegroom, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who loveth her and gave himself for her, that he might make the whole creation new.

Commemoration of the Dead (Preface 27)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Roman Canon

(Old English Translation)

At his discretion the Celebrant may substitute any of the four Eucharistic Prayers in Rite Two (pp. 356–374). In the first Eucharistic Prayer, the words in brackets may be omitted.

The Priest, with hands extended, says:

Celebrant alone

MOST merciful Father, we humbly pray thee, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,

He joins his hands and, making the sign of the cross once over both bread and chalice, says:

and we ask, that thou accept and bless ✠ these gifts, these presents, these holy and unspoiled sacrifices.

With hands extended, he continues:

We offer them unto thee, first, for thy holy catholic Church: that thou vouchsafe to keep it in peace, to guard, unite, and govern it throughout the whole world; together with thy servant *N.*, our Pope and *N.*, our Bishop and all the faithful guardians of the catholic and apostolic faith.

Commemoration of the Living

Celebrant or one Concelebrant

Remember, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids [*N.* and *N.*]

He prays for them briefly with hands joined. Then, with hands extended, he continues:

and all who here around us stand, whose faith is known unto thee and their steadfastness manifest, on whose behalf we offer unto thee, or who themselves offer unto thee, this sacrifice of praise; for themselves, and for all who are theirs; for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their salvation and safety; and who offer their prayers unto thee, the eternal God, the living and the true.

Celebrant or one Concelebrant

United in one communion,* we venerate the memory, first of the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ; † of Joseph her spouse; as also of the blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, [James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddaeus; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian] and of all thy Saints: grant that by their merits and prayers we may in all things be defended with the help of thy protection.

* *The prayer* United in one communion *has special forms on particular Feast Days:*

—On the Nativity of the Lord through the Octave

United in one communion, we celebrate the most sacred day (most sacred night), whereon the undefiled virginity of blessed Mary brought forth the Savior of this world: we venerate moreover the memory, first, of the glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ; † …

—On the Epiphany of the Lord

United in one communion, we celebrate the most sacred day whereon thine only-begotten Son, co-eternal with thee in thy glory, visibly appeared in the body, in the true substance of our flesh; we venerate moreover the memory, first, of the glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ; † …

—From the Easter Vigil to the Second Sunday of Easter, inclusive

United in one communion, we celebrate the most sacred day (*or* most sacred night) of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh: we venerate moreover the memory, first, of the glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ; † …

—On the Ascension of the Lord

United in one communion, we celebrate the most sacred day whereon our Lord, thine only-begotten Son, set at the right hand of thy glory the substance of our frailty united to himself: we venerate moreover the memory, first, of the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ; † …

—On Pentecost and its vigil

United in one communion,we celebrate the most sacred day of Pentecost, whereon the Holy Spirit appeared to the Apostles in tongues innumerable: we venerate moreover the memory, first, of the glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ; † …

With hands extended, he continues:

Celebrant alone

We beseech thee then,* O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation from us thy servants, and from thy whole family: order thou our days in thy peace, and bid us to be delivered from eternal damnation, and to be numbered in the fold of thine elect. [Through Christ our Lord.]

* *The prayer* We beseech thee then *has special forms on particular Feast Days:*

—From the Easter Vigil until the Second Sunday of Easter inclusive, and on Pentecost and its Vigil

We beseech thee then, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation from us thy servants, and from thy whole family: we present it unto thee on behalf also of those whom thou hast vouchsafed to regenerate by water and the Holy Spirit, granting unto them remission of all their sins: order thou our days in thy peace, and bid us to be delivered from eternal damnation, and to be numbered in the fold of thine elect.

—Maundy Thursday

We beseech thee then, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation from us thy servants, and from thy whole family in memory of the day when Jesus Christ, our Lord, gave the mysteries of his Body and Blood for his disciples to celebrate: order thou our days in thy peace, and bid us to be delivered from eternal damnation, and to be numbered in the fold of thine elect.

With hands outstretched over the offerings, he says:

Celebrant with Concelebrants

Vouchsafe, O God, we beseech thee, in all things to make this oblation blessed, approved and accepted, a perfect and worthy offering: that it may become for us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

He joins his hands.

The words of the Lord in the following formulas should be spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

Who the day before he suffered, *

> ** On Maundy Thursday he says:*
>
> Who the day before he suffered to save us and all men,
> that is today,

He takes the bread and, raising it a little above the altar, continues:

took bread into his holy and venerable hands,

He looks upward.

and with eyes lifted up to heaven, unto thee, God, his almighty Father, giving thanks to thee, he blessed, broke and gave it to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which will be given up for you.

He genuflects, shows the consecrated Host to the People, places it on the paten, and again genuflects in adoration. Then he continues:

Likewise, after supper,

He takes the chalice, and, raising it a little above the altar, continues:

taking also this goodly chalice into his holy and venerable hands, again giving thanks to thee, he blessed, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

He genuflects, shows the Chalice to the People, places it on the corporal, and again genuflects in adoration.

Then he sings or says:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The People with Celebrant and Concelebrants:

[A] Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

[B] Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

[C] When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

[D] Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Savior of the world.

Then with hands extended, the Priest says:

Celebrant with Concelebrants

Wherefore, O Lord, we thy servants, and thy holy people also, remembering the blessed passion of the same Christ thy Son our Lord, as also his resurrection from the dead, and his glorious ascension into heaven; do offer unto thine excellent majesty of thine own gifts and bounty, the pure victim, the holy victim, the immaculate victim, the holy Bread of eternal life, and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Vouchsafe to look upon them with a merciful and pleasant countenance; and to accept them, even as thou didst vouchsafe to accept the gifts of thy servant Abel the Righteous, and the sacrifice of our Patriarch Abraham; and the holy sacrifice, the immaculate victim, which thy high priest Melchisedech offered unto thee.

Bowing, with hands joined, he continues:

We humbly beseech thee, almighty God, command these offerings to be brought by the hands of thy holy Angel to thine altar on high, in sight of thy divine majesty; that all we who at this partaking of the altar shall receive the most sacred Body and Blood of thy Son,

He stands up straight and makes the sign of the cross, saying:

may be fulfilled with all heavenly benediction and grace.

[Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Commemoration of the Dead

With hands extended, he says:

Celebrant or one Concelebrant

Remember also, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids, [*N.* and *N.*], who have gone before us sealed with the seal of faith, and who sleep the sleep of peace.

The Priest prays for them briefly with joined hands. Then, with hands extended, he continues:

To them, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, we beseech thee to grant the abode of refreshing, of light, and of peace.

[Through the same Christ our Lord.]

The Priest strikes his breast with the right hand, saying:

To us sinners also, thy servants, who hope in the multitude of thy mercies,

With hands extended, he continues:

vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with thy holy Apostles and Martyrs; with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, [Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia] and with all thy Saints, within whose fellowship, we beseech thee, admit us, not weighing our merit, but granting us forgiveness;

He joins his hands and continues:

Celebrant alone

through Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom, O Lord, thou dost ever create all these good things; dost sanctify, quicken, bless, and bestow them upon us;

He takes the Chalice and the paten with the Host and, lifting them up, sings or says:

Celebrant alone or with Concelebrants

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond:

Amen.

The Communion Rite

Celebrant:

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
   hallowed be thy Name,
   thy kingdom come,
   thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
   as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
   but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
   for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said:

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [*Alleluia.*]

In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter Season.

The following anthem is sung or said here:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
    have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
    have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
    grant us thy peace.

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Turning to the People, and showing the Chalice and Host, the Celebrant says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Behold the Lamb of God,
who takest away the sins of the world.

The People respond thrice:

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

or with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Or the proper Postcommunion Prayer appointed for the Eucharist offered at Marriage, or for the Sick, or for the Departed may be said *(p. 324).*

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Or this:

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the People with these words:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Or the following:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Or this:

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the
power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Or this:

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to any of the dismissals.

The People respond:

Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Proper Postcommunion Prayers

At Marriages

O God, the giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious: We give thee thanks for binding us together in these holy mysteries of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. Grant that by thy Holy Spirit, N. and N., now joined in Holy Matrimony, may become one in heart and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who love thee; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Sick

Gracious Father, we give thee praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Departed

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The Collect at the Prayers

For the concluding Collect, the Celebrant selects

(a) a Collect appropriate to the Season or occasion being celebrated;
(b) a Collect expressive of some special need in the life of the local congregation;
(c) a Collect for the mission of the Church;
(d) a general Collect such as the following:

1

Lord, hear the prayers of *thy* people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

4

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

5

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us

and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

6

O Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles, "Peace I leave with you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost, you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

7

Hasten, O Father, the coming of *thy* kingdom; and grant that we *thy* servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold *thy* Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

8

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Holy Eucharist
Rite Two

The Decalogue: Contemporary

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not bear false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Penitential Rite A

For use at the beginning of the Liturgy, or as a separate service. When this penitential act follows the General Intercessions it is omitted here.

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The People standing, the Celebrant says:

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom,
now and for ever. Amen.

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost:

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In Lent and on other penitential occasions:

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

When used as a separate service, the Exhortation (p. 275) may be read, or a homily preached.

The Decalogue (p. 323) may be said, the People kneeling.

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29–31*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

The Deacon or Celebrant then says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant says:

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

When this Order is used at the beginning of the Liturgy, the service continues with the Kyrie eleison*, the* Trisagion. *or the* Gloria in excelsis.

When the Order is used separately, the penitents go to the Priests designated for individual confession, and confess their sins. Each penitent receives and accepts a fitting form of satisfaction, and is absolved. After hearing the confession the Priest extends his hands (or at least his right hand) over the penitent's head and grants absolution.

Everything else which is customary in individual confession is omitted.

The Word of God

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The People standing, the Celebrant says:

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom,
now and for ever. Amen.

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost:

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In Lent and on other penitential occasions:

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant may say:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing:

Glory to God in the highest,
  and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
  we worship you, we give you thanks,
  we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
  have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
  receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
   Jesus Christ,
   with the Holy Spirit,
   in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

On other occasions the following is used:

Lord, have mercy.	*or*	Kyrie eleison.
Christ, have mercy.		Christe eleison.
Lord, have mercy.		Kyrie eleison.

Or this:

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the People:

The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

People Amen.

The Lessons

The People sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying:

A Reading (Lesson) from ___________.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each Reading, the Reader may say:

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Or the Reader may say

Here ends the Reading (Epistle).

Silence may follow.

A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to ____________________ .
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says:

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing:

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
  the Father Almighty,
  maker of heaven and earth,
  and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
  the only-begotten Son of God,
  begotten of his Father before all worlds,
  God of God, Light of Light,
  very God of very God,
  begotten, not made,
  being of one substance with the Father;
  by whom all things were made;
  who for us men and for our salvation
    came down from heaven,

Genuflect.

  and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
    and was made man;

Stand.

  and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
  he suffered and was buried;
  and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
  and ascended into heaven,
  and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
  and he shall come again, with glory,
  to judge both the quick and the dead;
  whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
  who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
  who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
    and glorified;
  who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
  I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
  and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
    and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Prayer is offered with intercession for:

The Universal Church, its members, and its mission
The Nation and all in authority
The welfare of the world
The concerns of the local community
Those who suffer and those in any trouble
The departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate)

Intercession (Form I)

The Deacon or other minister sings or says:

Let us pray for the Church and the world, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

The Deacon or other minister continues:

Almighty and ever-living God, receive these our prayers which we offer to your divine Majesty, asking you to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to *N.*, our Pope, *N.*, our bishop, and to all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth your true and living word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

To all your people, give your heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive your holy word, truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Hear us, O Sovereign King, and so rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that

they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people, to behold your gracious hand in all your works, that, rejoicing in your whole creation, they may honor you with their substance, and be faithful stewards of your bounty, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

In your tender mercy and goodness, O Lord, comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, [especially for *N.*], we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

> Shower your grace, O blessed Lord, and hear the special intentions of *N.*, for whom we offer this Mass, we pray to you, O Lord.
> *Lord, have mercy.*
>
> Grant eternal life, O risen Christ, to the faithful departed of this parish [*or* community], [to *N.*], and to all who have departed this life in the hope of the resurrection, we pray to you, O Lord.
> *Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, [of Saint *N.*], and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant concludes with this Doxology, or with one of the Collects beginning on page 325.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Mass continues with the Penitential Rite on page 342.

Intercession (Form II)

The Deacon or other minister says:

Let us offer our prayers to Almighty God.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you:
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our Holy Father, Pope *N.*, for our Bishop, *N.*, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons:
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world:
That they may work for your peace on earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake:
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on [*N.* and on] those who suffer from any grief or trouble:
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to [*N.* and to] all the departed eternal rest:
And let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for the Blessed Virgin Mary, [for Saint *N.*], and for all your saints who have entered into joy:
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The Celebrant concludes with this Collect or with one of the Collects beginning on page 325.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we pray: Help us to ask only those things that are in accordance with your Will; and those good things which we dare not or, in our blindness, cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Mass continues with the Penitential Rite on page 342.

Intercession (Form III)

The Deacon or other minister sings or says:

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy" [*or* "Kyrie eleison"].

The Deacon or other minister continues:

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

For *N.*, our Pope, *N.*, our bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and all God's holy people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

For all children, born and unborn, for parents, and for all families, [especially *N.*, for whom we offer this Mass], let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

> For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
> *Lord, have mercy* [*Kyrie eleison*].
>
> For deliverance from all dangers and violence, let us pray to the Lord.
> *Lord, have mercy* [*Kyrie eleison*].

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, [especially *N.*], let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

For the faithful departed of this parish [*or* community], [for *N.*, for whom we offer this Mass], and for all who have departed this life in the hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

In the communion of the blessed ever-Virgin Mary, [Saint *N.*,], and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
Lord, have mercy [*Kyrie eleison*].

The Celebrant concludes with this Doxology or with one of the Collects beginning on page 325.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Mass continues with the Penitential Rite on page 342.

Intercession (Form IV)

The Deacon or other minister sings or says:

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

The Deacon or other minister continues:

For the holy Catholic Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For *N.*, our Pope, for *N.*, our bishop, for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world: that respect and forbearance may grow among the nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all children, born and unborn, that they may be protected from all evil and come to know the joy of your creation, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, [for the special intentions of *N.*, for whom we offer this Mass], for our families, friends, and neighbors: that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For [*N.* and for] all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, [of Saint *N.*], and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant concludes with this Collect or with one of the Collects beginning on page 325.

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we ask you, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days: that, when we shall have served you in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with you, our God, and in perfect charity with the world; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Mass continues with the Penitential Rite on page 342.

Penitential Rite B

A Penitential Rite is used here if it has not been said earlier.

The Deacon or Celebrant says the following:

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29–31*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

The Deacon or Celebrant then says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant says:

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the People:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

After the liturgy of the word, the offertory song is begun. Meanwhile the ministers place the corporal, the purificator, the chalice, and the missal on the altar.

Sufficient hosts (and wine) for the communion of the faithful are to be prepared. It is most important that the faithful should receive the Body of the Lord in hosts consecrated at the same Mass and should share the Cup when it is permitted. Communion is thus a clearer sign of sharing in the sacrifice which is actually taking place.

It is desirable that the participation of the faithful be expressed by members of the congregation bringing up the bread and wine for the celebration of the eucharist or other gifts for the needs of the Church and the poor.

The Priest, standing at the altar, takes the paten with the bread, and holding it slightly raised above the altar, says quietly:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Then he places the paten with the bread on the corporal.

If no offertory psalm, hymn, or anthem is sung, the Priest may say the preceding words in an audible voice.

Then the People may respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The Deacon (or the Priest) pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Then the Priest takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, says quietly:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

Then he places the chalice on the corporal.

If no offertory psalm, hymn, or anthem is sung, the Priest may say the preceding words in an audible voice. Then the People may respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The Priest bows and says quietly:

Lord God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.

He may now incense the offerings and the altar. Afterward the Deacon or server incenses the Priest and People.

Next the Priest stands at the side of the altar and washes his hands, saying quietly:

Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.

Standing at the center of the altar, facing the People, he extends and then joins his hands, saying:

Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

The People respond:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his Name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Prayer over the Gifts

With hands extended, the Priest sings or says the Prayer over the Gifts, at the end of which the People respond:

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Priest begins the Eucharistic Prayer.

Eucharistic Prayer IV with its Preface begins on page 370.

The People remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or Priest, faces them and sings or says:

	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed. (See the following pages.)

If no Proper Preface is appointed, the Celebrant continues with Therefore we praise you, *etc., and the Sanctus on page 355.*

The Eucharistic Prayers I to III begin on the following pages:

—Eucharistic Prayer I on page 356.
—Eucharistic Prayer II on page 363.
—Eucharistic Prayer III on page 366.

Proper Prefaces

Preface of the Lord's Day

To be used on Sundays as appointed, but not on the succeeding weekdays.

1. Of God the Father (*Preface 1*)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or this:

2. Of God the Son (*Preface 2*)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Or the following:

3. Of God the Holy Spirit (*Preface 3*)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new

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Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

On Weekdays after Pentecost (*no Proper Preface*)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Prefaces for Seasons

To be used on Sundays and weekdays alike, except as otherwise appointed for Holy Days and Various Occasions.

Advent (Preface 4)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Incarnation (Preface 5)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Epiphany (Preface 6)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lent (Preface 7)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Or this:

(Preface 8)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Holy Week (Preface 9)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Easter (Preface 10)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Ascension (Preface 11)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Pentecost (Preface 12)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

The Preface for Weekdays after Pentecost is on page 352.

Prefaces for Other Occasions

Trinity Sunday (Preface 13)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being: and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Corpus Christi: The Holy Eucharist (Preface 14)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who, on the day before he offered himself for us upon the altar of the cross, poured out for all mankind the richness of his love and mercy, and from the treasury of his heart brought forth the mystery of the Eucharist: wherein the faith of them that believe is nourished, their hope increased, their love made strong, and a pledge of future glory is received.

Sacred Heart (Preface 15)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; who willed that your only-begotten Son, hanging on the cross, should be pierced by the spear of a soldier; that his Heart,

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Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

manifest as the shrine of your heavenly bounty, might pour out for us floods of grace and of compassion: and that, since it has never ceased to burn for us with ardent longing, it might be the resting place of those that love you, and the ever open refuge of safety for the penitent.

Christ the King (Preface 16)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, who anointed your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ with the oil of gladness, to be a priest for ever and a king of all: so that by offering himself on the altar of the cross, a pure and atoning victim, he might accomplish the mystery of man's redemption; and, subduing to his rule the whole creation, might render to your eternal Majesty a kingdom endless and universal: a kingdom of truth and life; a kingdom of grace and holiness; a kingdom of peace, of love, and of righteousness.

Dedication of a Church (Preface 17)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

Blessed Virgin Mary (Preface 18)

According to the name of the feast is said: in the Immaculate Conception, *or* in the Visitation, *or* in the Assumption, *or* in the Nativity, *or* in the Presentation.

In Masses of the Seven Sorrows is said: in the Transfixion.

On the Memorial of Mount Carmel is said: in the Commemoration.

On all other Feasts is said: on the Festival.

On the Mass of Saint Mary on Saturday, and also in Votive Masses in which no special Mystery is celebrated, is said: in Veneration.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and

earth; and that in (*name of feast*) of Blessed Mary ever-Virgin, we should praise you, bless you, and extol you: for by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, she conceived your only-begotten; and in the abiding glory of her virginity, shed forth on this world the everlasting Light, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Saint Joseph (Preface 19)

Upon the Feasts is said: on the Festival; in votive Masses is said: in Veneration.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and that on the Festival (*or* in Veneration) of blessed Joseph, we should magnify you with dutiful praises, bless you, and extol you; because he, being a just man, was espoused to the Virgin Mother of God by your appointment, a faithful and wise servant, made ruler over your household; that with fatherly care, he might guard your only-begotten Son, conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

Apostles (Preface 20)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

A Saint (Preface 21)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

Or this:

A Saint (Preface 22)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the obedience of your saints you have given us an example of righteousness, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling.

Or this:

A Saint (Preface 23)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only Son.

All Saints (Preface 24)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, benefit from their prayers, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

Baptism (Preface 25)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Marriage (Preface 26)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the love of wife and husband, you have given us an image of the heavenly Jerusalem, adorned as a bride for her bridegroom, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who loves her and gave himself for her, that he might make the whole creation new.

Commemoration of the Dead (Preface 27)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer I

(Roman Canon: Contemporary)

The Eucharistic Prayers II to IV begin on the following pages:
—Eucharist Prayer II on page 363.
—Eucharist Prayer III on page 366.
—Eucharist Prayer IV with its own preface on page 370.

In this Eucharistic Prayer I, the words in brackets may be omitted.

The Priest, with hands extended, says:

We come to you, Father, with praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ your Son.

He makes the sign of the cross once over both bread and chalice, saying:

Through him we ask you to accept and bless ✠ these gifts we offer you in sacrifice.

With hands extended, he continues:

We offer them for your holy catholic Church,
watch over it, Lord, and guide it;
grant it peace and unity throughout the world.

We offer them for *N.*, our Pope, for *N.*, our bishop (and his assistant bishops), and for all who hold and teach the catholic faith that comes to us from the apostles.

Commemoration of the Living

Celebrant or one Concelebrant:

Remember, Lord, your people, especially those for whom we now pray, [*N.* and *N.*].

He prays for them briefly with hands joined.
Then, with hands extended, he continues:

Remember all of us gathered here before you. You know how firmly we believe in you and dedicate ourselves to you. We offer you this sacrifice of praise for ourselves and those who are dear to us. We pray to you, our living and true God, for our well-being and redemption.

Celebrant or one Concelebrant:

In union with the whole Church* we honor Mary the ever-virgin mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and God.

* *Special form of* In union with the whole Church (*Communicantes*) *is used as indicated:*

—Christmas and during the octave

In union with the whole Church we celebrate that day (night) when Mary without loss of her virginity gave the world its Savior. We honor Mary, the ever-virgin mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and God.

—Epiphany

In union with the whole Church we celebrate that day when your only Son, sharing your eternal glory, showed himself in a human body. We honor Mary, the ever-virgin mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and God.

—Maundy Thursday

In union with the whole Church we celebrate that day when Jesus Christ, our Lord, was betrayed for us. We honor Mary, the ever-virgin mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and God.

—From the Easter Vigil to the Second Sunday of Easter inclusive

In union with the whole Church we celebrate that day (night) when Jesus Christ, our Lord, rose from the dead in his human body. We honor Mary, the ever-virgin mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and God.

—Ascension

In union with the whole Church we celebrate that day when your Son, our Lord, took his place with you and raised our frail human nature to glory. We honor Mary, the ever-virgin mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and God.

—Pentecost

In union with the whole Church we celebrate that day when the Holy Spirit appeared to the apostles in the form of countless tongues. We honor Mary, the ever-virgin mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and God.

We honor Joseph, her husband, the apostles and martyrs Peter and Paul, Andrew, [James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Batholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude; we honor Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian] and all the saints. May their merits and prayers gain us your constant help and protection. [Through Christ our Lord.]

With hands extended, he continues:

Celebrant alone

Father, accept this offering from your whole family.* Grant us your peace in this life, save us from final damnation, and count us among those you have chosen.

He joins his hands.

[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

* *Special form of* Father, accept this offering *(Hanc igitur) is used as indicated:*

—Maundy Thursday

Father, accept this offering from your whole family in memory of the day when Jesus Christ, our Lord, gave the mysteries of his body and blood for his disciples to celebrate. Grant us . . .

—From the Easter Vigil to the Second Sunday of Easter inclusive

Father, accept this offering from your whole family, and from those born into the new life of water and the Holy Spirit, with all their sins forgiven. Grant us . . .

With hands outstretched over the offerings, he says:

Celebrant with Concelebrants

Bless and approve our offering; make it acceptable to you, an offering in spirit and in truth. Let it become for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

He joins his hands.

[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

The words of the Lord in the following formulas should be spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

The day before he suffered, *

> ** but this on Maundy Thursday:*
>
> The day before he suffered to save us and all men,
> that is today, …

The priest takes the bread and, raising it a little above the altar, continues:

he took bread into his sacred hands

He looks upward.

and looking up to heaven, to you, his almighty Father, he gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

He bows slightly.

Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which will be given up for you.

He shows the consecrated Host to the People, places it on the paten, and genuflects in adoration. Then he continues:

When supper was ended,

He takes the chalice, and, raising it a little above the altar, continues:

he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

He bows slightly.

Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

He shows the Chalice to the People, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

Then he sings or says:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People with Celebrant and Concelebrants:

[A] Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

[B] Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

[C] When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

[D] Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Savior of the world.

Then with hands extended, the Priest says:

Celebrant with Concelebrants

Father, we celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son. We, your people and your ministers, recall his passion, his resurrection from the dead, and his ascension into glory; and from the many gifts you have given us we offer to you, God of glory and majesty, this holy and perfect sacrifice: the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.

Look with favor on these offerings and accept them as once you accepted the gifts of your servant Abel, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the bread and wine offered by your priest Melchisedech.

Bowing, with hands joined, he continues:

Almighty God, we pray that your angel may take this sacrifice to your altar in heaven. Then, as we receive from this altar the sacred body and blood of your Son,

He stands up straight and makes the sign of the cross, saying:

let us be filled with every grace and blessing.

He joins his hands.

[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Commemoration of the Dead

With hands extended, he says:

Celebrant or one Concelebrant

Remember, Lord, those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially those for whom we now pray, [*N.* and *N.*].

The Priest prays for them briefly with joined hands.
Then, with hands extended, he continues:

May these, and all who sleep in Christ, find in your presence light, happiness, and peace.

He joins his hands.

[Through Christ our Lord. Amen.]

With hands extended, he continues:

Celebrant or one Concelebrant

For ourselves, too, we ask some share in the fellowship of your apostles and martyrs, with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, [Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia] and all the saints.

The Priest strikes his breast with the right hand, saying:

Though we are sinners,
we trust in your mercy and love.

With hands extended as before, he continues:

Do not consider what we truly deserve,
but grant us your forgiveness.

He joins his hands and continues:

Celebrant alone

Through Christ our Lord you give us all these gifts. You fill them with life and goodness, you bless them and make them holy.

He takes the Chalice and the paten with the Host and, lifting them up, sings or says:

Celebrant alone or with Concelebrants

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

The People respond:

Amen.

The Holy Eucharist continues with the Lord's Prayer:
—Rite I, page 320.
—Rite II, page 375.

Eucharistic Prayer II

The Priest, with hands extended, says:

Celebrant alone

Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness.

He joins his hands and, holding them outstretched over the offerings, says:

Celebrant with Concelebrants

Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy,
so they become for us

He makes the sign of the cross once over both bread and chalice, saying:

the body ✠ and the blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

He joins his hands.

The words of the Lord in the following formulas should be spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted,

He takes the bread and, raising it a little above the altar, continues:

he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

He bows slightly.

Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which will be given up for you.

He shows the consecrated Host to the People, places it on the paten, and genuflects in adoration. Then he continues:

When supper was ended, he took the cup.

He takes the chalice, and, raising it a little above the altar, continues:

Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

He bows slightly.

Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

He shows the chalice to the People, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration. Then he sings or says:

Celebrant alone

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People with Celebrant and Concelebrants:

[A] Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

[B] Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

[C] When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

[D] Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Savior of the world.

Then with hands extended, the Priest says:

Celebrant with Concelebrants

In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant or one Concelebrant

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with *N.*, our Pope, *N.*, our bishop (and his assistant bishops), and all the clergy.

In Masses for the dead the following may be added:

Remember *N.*, whom you called from this life. In baptism he (she) died with Christ: may he (she) also share his resurrection.

Celebrant or one Concelebrant

Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence. Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with the apostles, and with all the saints who have done your will through the ages. May we praise you in union with them and give you glory

The Priest joins his hands.

through your Son, Jesus Christ.

He takes the Chalice and the paten with the Host and, lifting them up, sings or says:

Celebrant alone or with Concelebrants

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

The People respond:

Amen.

The Holy Eucharist continues with the Lord's Prayer:
—Rite I, page 320.
—Rite II, page 375.

Eucharistic Prayer III

The Priest, with hands extended, says:

Celebrant alone

Father, you are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the holy Spirit.

From age to age you gather a people to yourself, so that from east to west a perfect offering may be made to the glory of your name.

He joins his hands and, holding them outstretched over the offerings, says:

Celebrant with Concelebrants

And so, Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit,

He makes the sign of the cross once over both bread and chalice, saying:

that they may become the body ✠ and blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this eucharist.

He joins his hands.

The words of the Lord in the following formulas should be spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

On the night he was betrayed,

He takes the bread and, raising it a little above the altar, continues:

he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

He bows slightly.

Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which will be given up for you.

He shows the consecrated Host to the People, places it on the paten, and genuflects in adoration. Then he continues:

When supper was ended, he took the cup.

He takes the chalice, and, raising it a little above the altar, continues:

Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

He bows slightly.

Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

He shows the Chalice to the People, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration. Then he sings or says:

Celebrant alone

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People with Celebrant and Concelebrants:

[A] Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

[B] Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

[C] When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

[D] Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Savior of the world.

With hands extended, the Priest says:

Celebrant with Concelebrants

Father, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation, his glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven, and ready to greet him when he comes again, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look with favor on your Church's offering, and see the Victim whose death has reconciled us to yourself. Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ.

Celebrant or one Concelebrant

May he make us an everlasting gift to you and enable us to share in the inheritance of your saints, with Mary, the virgin Mother of God; with the apostles, the martyrs, (Saint *N.* — *the saint of the day or the patron saint*) and all your saints, on whose constant intercession we rely for help.

Celebrant alone or one Concelebrant

Lord, may this sacrifice, which has made our peace with you, advance the peace and salvation of all the world.

Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth; your servant, Pope *N.*, our bishop *N.* (and his assistant bishops), and all the bishops, with the clergy and the entire people your Son has gained for you.

Father, hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you. In mercy and love unite all your children wherever they may be.*

* *When this eucharistic prayer is used in Masses for the dead, the following may be said:*

Remember *N.* In baptism he (she) died with Christ: may he (she) also share his resurrection, when Christ will raise our mortal bodies and make them like his own in glory.

Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship. There we hope to share in your glory when every tear will be wiped away. On that day we shall see you, our God, as you are.

He joins his hands.

We shall become like you and praise you for ever through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come. Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship.

The Priest joins his hands.

We hope to enjoy for ever the vision of your glory, through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

He takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, lifting them up, sings or says:

Celebrant alone or with Concelebrants

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

The People respond:

Amen.

The Holy Eucharist continues with the Lord's Prayer:
—Rite I, page 320.
—Rite II, page 375.

Eucharistic Prayer IV

Priest	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Priest	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Priest	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant alone:

Father in heaven, it is right that we should give you thanks and glory: you alone are God, living and true. Through all eternity you live in unapproachable light.

Source of life and goodness, you created all things, to fill your creatures with every blessing and lead all men to the joyful vision of your light.

Countless hosts of angels stand before you to do your will; they look upon your splendor and praise you, night and day. United with them, and in the name of every creature under heaven, we too praise your glory as we say:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Priest, with hands extended, says:

Father, we acknowledge your greatness: all your actions show your wisdom and love.

You formed man in your own likeness and set him over the whole world to serve you, his creator, and to rule over all creatures.

Even when he disobeyed you and lost your friendship you did not abandon him to the power of death, but helped all men to seek and find you.

Again and again you offered a covenant to man, and through the prophets taught him to hope for salvation.

Father, you so loved the world that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior.

He was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, a man like us in all things but sin.

To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation, to prisoners, freedom, and to those in sorrow, joy.

In fulfillment of your will he gave himself up to death; but by rising from the dead, he destroyed death and restored life.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves but for him, he sent the Holy Spirit from you, Father, as his first gift to those who believe, to complete his work on earth and bring the fullness of grace.

He joins his hands and, holding them outstretched over the offerings, says:

Father, may this Holy Spirit sanctify these offerings.

He makes the sign of the cross once over both bread and chalice, saying:

Let them become the body ✠ and blood of Jesus Christ
our Lord

He joins his hands.

as we celebrate the great mystery which he left us as an everlasting covenant.

The words of the Lord in the following formulas should be spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

He always loved those who were his own in the world. When the time came for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, he showed the depth of his love. While they were at supper,

He takes the bread and, raising it a little above the altar, continues:

he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying

He bows slightly.

Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which will be given up for you.

He shows the consecrated Host to the People, places it on the paten, and genuflects in adoration. Then he continues:

In the same way, he took the cup, filled with wine.

He takes the chalice, and, raising it a little above the altar, continues:

He gave you thanks, and giving the cup to his disciples, said:

He bows slightly.

Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

He shows the Chalice to the People, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration. Then he sings or says:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People with Celebrant and Concelebrants:

[A] Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

[B] Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

[C] When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

[D] Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Savior of the world.

With hands extended, the Priest says:

Celebrant with Concelebrants

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. We recall Christ's death, his descent among the dead, his resurrection, and his ascension to your right hand; and, looking forward to his coming in glory, we offer you his body and blood, the acceptable sacrifice which brings salvation to the whole world. Lord, look upon this sacrifice which you have given to your Church; and by your Holy Spirit, gather all who share this bread and wine into the one body of Christ, a living sacrifice of praise.

Celebrant alone or one Concelebrant

Lord, remember those for whom we offer this sacrifice, especially *N.,* our Pope, *N.*, our bishop (and his assistant bishops), and bishops and clergy everywhere.

Remember those who take part in this offering, those here present and all your people, and all who seek you with a sincere heart.

Remember those who have died in the peace of Christ and all the dead whose faith is known to you alone.

Father, in your mercy grant also to us, your children, to enter into our heavenly inheritance in the company of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, and your apostles and saints.

Then, in your kingdom, freed from the corruption of sin and death, we shall sing your glory with every creature through Christ our Lord,

He joins his hands.

through whom you give us everything that is good.

He takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, lifting them up, sings or says:

Celebrant alone or with Concelebrants

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

The People respond:

Amen.

The Holy Eucharist continues with the Lord's Prayer:
—Rite I, page 320.
—Rite II, page 375.

The Lord's Prayer

The Holy Eucharist continues with the Lord's Prayer.

(1) *The Priest says:*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say:

Celebrant and People:

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

(2) *Or the Priest says:*

As our Savior Christ has taught us,
we now pray:

Celebrant and People:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said:

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [*Alleluia.*]

In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter Season.

In place of, or in addition to, the preceding, some other suitable anthem may be used.

The following anthem may be used:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Facing the People, and showing the Chalice and Host, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to His supper.

The People respond thrice:

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

Or with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

Postcommunion

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or the following:

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The proper Postcommunion Prayer appointed for the Eucharist offered at Marriage, or for the Sick, or for the Departed is on page 379.

Blessing and Dismissal

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the People.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the People * with these words:*

** From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to any of the dismissals. The People respond:*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Or this:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Or this:

Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Or this:

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Proper Postcommunion Prayers

At Marriages

O God, the giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious: We give you thanks for binding us together in these holy mysteries of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that by your Holy Spirit, *N.* and *N.*, now joined in Holy Matrimony, may become one in heart and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who love you; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Sick

Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Departed

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

THE PROPER

SECOND AND THIRD PARTS

The Proper
Second Part

Eastertide

Of the Season—Easter through Christ the King

Easter Day

Collect

I. O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same, thy Son Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

I. Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, with Easter joy we offer you the sacrifice by which your Church is reborn and nourished through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Easter

Preface 10.

The Easter forms of United in one Communion *and* We beseech thee then, O Lord *are said in Eucharistic Prayer I; in Eucharistic Prayer II, the Easter forms of* In union with the whole Church *and* Father accept this offering *are said.*

The Easter Dismissal is used through the Day of Pentecost.

Monday in Easter Week

Collect

I. Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with reverence the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, you have given us new light by baptism and the profession of your name. Accept the gifts of your children and bring us to eternal joy in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

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The Easter Dismissal is used.

Tuesday in Easter Week

Collect

I. O God, who by the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept these gifts from your family. May we hold fast to the gift you have given us and come to the eternal gifts you promise. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Easter

Preface 10.

The Easter forms of United in one Communion *and* We beseech thee then, O Lord *are said in Eucharistic Prayer I; in Eucharistic Prayer II, the Easter forms of* In union with the whole Church *and* Father accept this offering *are said.*

The Easter Dismissal is used.

Wednesday in Easter Week

Collect

I. O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept this sacrifice of our redemption, and accomplish in us salvation of mind and body. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Easter

Preface 10.

The Easter forms of United in one Communion *and* We beseech thee then, O Lord *are said in Eucharistic Prayer I; in Eucharistic Prayer II, the Easter forms of* In union with the whole Church *and* Father accept this offering *are said.*

The Easter Dismissal is used.

Thursday in Easter Week

Collect

I. Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept our gifts and grant your continuing protection to all who have received new life in baptism. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Easter

Preface 10.

The Easter forms of United in one Communion *and* We beseech thee then, O Lord *are said in Eucharistic Prayer I; in Eucharistic Prayer II, the Easter forms of* In union with the whole Church *and* Father accept this offering *are said.*

The Easter Dismissal is used.

Friday in Easter Week

Collect

I. Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty Father, who gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise for our justification: Give us grace so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, bring to perfection the spirit of life we receive from these Easter gifts. Free us from seeking after the passing things in life, and help us set out hearts on the kingdom of heaven. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Easter

Preface 10.

The Easter forms of United in one Communion *and* We beseech thee then, O Lord *are said in Eucharistic Prayer I; in Eucharistic Prayer II, the Easter forms of* In union with the whole Church *and* Father accept this offering *are said.*

The Easter Dismissal is used.

Saturday of Easter Week

Collect

I. We thank thee, heavenly Father, for that thou hast delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and hast brought us unto the kingdom of thy Son; and we pray thee that, as by his death he hath recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to joys eternal; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, give us joy by these Easter mysteries. Let the continuous offering of this sacrifice by which we are renewed bring us to eternal happiness. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Easter

Preface 10.

The Easter forms of United in one Communion *and* We beseech thee then, O Lord *are said in Eucharistic Prayer I; in Eucharistic Prayer II, the Easter forms of* In union with the whole Church *and* Father accept this offering *are said.*

The Easter Dismissal is used.

Second Sunday of Easter

Collect

I. Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, through faith and baptism we have become a new creation. Accept the offerings of your people (and of those born again in baptism) and bring us to eternal happiness. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Easter

Preface 10.

The Easter forms of United in one Communion *and* We beseech thee then, O Lord *are said in Eucharistic Prayer I; in Eucharistic Prayer II, the Easter forms of* In union with the whole Church *and* Father accept this offering *are said.*

The Easter Dismissal is used.

Third Sunday of Easter

Collect

I.. O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, receive these gifts from your Church. May the great joy you give us come to perfection in heaven. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Easter

Preface 10.

The Easter Dismissal is used.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Collect

I. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, restore us by these Easter mysteries. May the continuing work of our Redeemer bring us eternal joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Easter

Preface 10.

The Easter Dismissal is used.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Collect

I. O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God, by this holy exchange of gifts you share with us your divine life. Grant that everything we do may be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Easter

Preface 10.

The Easter Dismissal is used.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Collect

I. O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept our prayers and offerings. Make us worthy of your sacraments of love by granting us your forgiveness. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Easter

Preface 10.

The Easter Dismissal is used.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week are the traditional Rogation Days. Rogationtide propers are to be found beginning on page 505.

Ascension Day

Collect

I. O Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abideth with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the ages; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Or this:

I. Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God; that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord, Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II. Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Either of the preceding Collects, with the proper Psalm and Lessons for Ascension Day, serves for the following weekdays, except as otherwise appointed.

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, receive our offering as we celebrate the ascension of Christ your Son. May his gifts help us rise with him to the joys of heaven, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Preface of the Ascension

Preface 11.

The Ascension form of United in one communion *(Eucharistic Prayer I) or of* In union with the whole Church *(Eucharistic Prayer II) is said this day.*

The Easter Dismissal is used.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Sunday after Ascension Day

Collect

I. O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II. O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept the prayers and gifts we offer in faith and love. May this Eucharist bring us to your glory. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Ascension

Preface 11.

The Easter Dismissal is used.

The Day of Pentecost—Whitsunday

Collect

I. Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

I. O God, who on this day didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II. O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts
—on the Vigil of Pentecost

Lord, send your Spirit on these gifts, and through them help the Church you love to show your salvation to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

—on the Day of Pentecost

Lord, may the Spirit you promised lead us into all truth and reveal to us the full meaning of this sacrifice. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Pentecost

Preface 12.

The Ascension form of United in one communion (Eucharistic Prayer I) or of In union with the whole Church (Eucharistic Prayer II) is said this day.

The Easter Dismissal is used.

On the weekdays which follow, the numbered Proper which corresponds most closely to the date of Pentecost in that year is used.

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are the traditional summer Ember Days. *Propers for Embertide are found beginning on page 498.*

First Sunday after Pentecost—Trinity Sunday

Collect

I. Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God, make these gifts holy, and through them make us a perfect offering to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Trinity Sunday

Preface 13.

On the weekdays which follow, the numbered proper which corresponds most closely to the date of Trinity Sunday in that year is used.

Second Sunday after Pentecost—The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

When Corpus Christi is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation, it is celebrated on Thursday after Trinity Sunday.

Collect

I. God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament hath left unto us a memorial of his passion: grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord Jesus Christ, you give us your Body and Bood in the Eucharist as a sign that even now we share your life. May we come to possess it completely in the kingdom where you live for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Preface of Corpus Christi

Preface 14.

Sacred Heart

Friday following the Second Sunday after Pentecost

Collect

I. Father, we rejoice in the gifts of love we have received from the heart of thy Son. Open our hearts to share his life, and continue to bless us with his love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Father, we rejoice in the gifts of love we have received from the heart of your Son. Open our hearts to share his life, and continue to bless us with his love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

I. O God, who hast suffered the Heart of thy Son to be wounded by our sins, and in that very heart hast bestowed on us the abundant riches of thy love: grant that the devout homage of our hearts, which we render unto Him; may by thy mercy be deemed a recompense, acceptable in thy sight; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II. Father, we have wounded the heart of Jesus your Son, but he brings us forgiveness and grace. Help us to prove our grateful love and make amends for our sins. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, look on the heart of Christ your Son, filled with love for us. Because of his love, accept our Eucharist and forgive our sins. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Sacred Heart

Preface 15.

The Season after Pentecost

Proper 1

The Sunday closest to May 11

Collect

I. Remember, O Lord, what thou hast wrought in us and not what we deserve; and, as thou hast called us to thy service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve; and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we make this offering in obedience to your word. May it cleanse and renew us, and lead us to our eternal reward. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

No Proper Preface is used.

Proper 2

The Sunday closest to May 18

Collect

I. O Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may with free hearts accomplish those things which belong to thy purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and merciful God, in your goodness keep us, we pray, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in mind and body, may accomplish with free hearts those things which belong to your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, as we make this offering, may our worship in Spirit and truth bring us salvation. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

No Proper Preface is used.

Proper 3

The Sunday closest to May 25

Collect

I. Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be peaceably governed by thy providence, and that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in confidence and serenity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be peaceably governed by your providence; and that your Church may joyfully serve you in confidence and serenity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God our Creator, may this bread and wine we offer as a sign of our love and worship lead us to salvation. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 4

The Sunday closest to June 1

Collect

I. O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth: We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, as we gather to offer our gifts confident in your love, make us holy by sharing your life with us, and by this Eucharist forgive our sins. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 5

The Sunday closest to June 8

Collect

I. O God, from whom all good doth come: Grant that by thy inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, look with love on our service. Accept the gifts we bring, and help us grow in Christian love. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 6

The Sunday closest to June 15

Collect

I. Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God, in this bread and wine you give us food for body and spirit. May this Eucharist renew our strength and bring us health of mind and body. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 7

The Sunday closest to June 22

Collect

I. O Lord, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help and govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, receive our offering, and may this sacrifice of praise purify us in mind and heart and make us always eager to serve you. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 8

The Sunday closest to June 29

Collect

I. O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God, through your sacraments you give us the power of your grace. May this Eucharist help us to serve you faithfully. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 9

The Sunday closest to July 6

Collect

I. O God, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, let this offering to the glory of your name purify us and bring us closer to eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 10

The Sunday closest to July 13

Collect

I. O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept the gifts of your Church. May this Eucharist help us to grow in holiness and faith. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 11

The Sunday closest to July 20

Collect

I. Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, bring us closer to salvation through these gifts which we bring in your honor. Accept the perfect sacrifice you have given us; bless it as you blessed the gifts of Abel. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 12

The Sunday closest to July 27

Collect

I. O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, receive these offerings chosen from your many gifts. May these mysteries make us holy and lead us to eternal joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 13

The Sunday closest to August 3

Collect

I. O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful Lord, make holy these gifts, and let our spiritual sacrifice make us an everlasting gift to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 14

The Sunday closest to August 10

Collect

I. Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God of power, giver of the gifts we bring, accept the offering of your Church and make it the sacrament of our salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 15

The Sunday closest to August 17

Collect

I. Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept our sacrifice as a holy exchange of gifts. By offering what you have given us, may we receive the gift of yourself. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 16

The Sunday closest to August 24

Collect

I. Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God, the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ made us your people. In your love, grant peace and unity to your Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 17

The Sunday closest to August 31

Collect

I. Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, may this holy offering bring us your blessing, and accomplish within us its promise of salvation. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 18

The Sunday closest to September 7

Collect

I. Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God of peace and love, may our offering bring you true worship and make us one with you. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 19

The Sunday closest to September 14

Collect

I. O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, hear the prayers of your people and receive our gifts. May the worship of each one here bring salvation to all. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

The Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after September 14 are the traditional autumnal Ember Days. *Propers for Embertide are found beginning on page 498.*

Proper 20

The Sunday closest to September 21

Collect

I. Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, may these gifts which we now offer to show our belief and our love be pleasing to you. May they become for us the Eucharist of Jesus Christ you Son, who is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 21

The Sunday closest to September 28

Collect

I. O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God of mercy, accept our offering, and make it a source of blessing for us. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 22

The Sunday closest to October 5

Collect

I. Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, receive these gifts which our Lord Jesus Christ has asked us to offer in his memory. May our obedient service bring us to the fullness of your redemption. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 23

The Sunday closest to October 12

Collect

I. Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy, Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept the prayers and gifts we offer in faith and love. May this Eucharist bring us to your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 24

The Sunday closest to October 19

Collect

I. Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God, may the gifts we offer bring us your love and forgiveness, and give us freedom to serve you with our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 25

The Sunday closest to October 26

Collect

I. Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God of power and might, receive the gifts we offer, and let our service give you glory. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 26

The Sunday closest to November 2

Collect

I. Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may run without stumbling to obtain thy heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God of mercy, may we offer a pure sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 27

The Sunday closest to November 9

Collect

I. O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God of mercy, in this Eucharist we proclaim the death of the Lord. Accept the gifts we present, and help us to follow him with love, for he is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 28

The Sunday closest to November 16

Collect

I. Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God, may the gifts we offer increase our love for you and bring us to eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Lord's Day

Preface 1, 2, or 3.

Proper 29—Christ the King

The Sunday closest to November 23

Collect

I. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we offer you the sacrifice by which your Son reconciles mankind. May it bring unity and peace to the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Christ the King

Preface 16.

The Proper
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Holy Days

Saint Andrew November 30

Collect

I. Almighty God, who didst give such grace to thine apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of thy Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give unto us, who are called by thy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your Holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

All-powerful God, may these gifts we bring on the feast of Saint Andrew be pleasing to you and give life to all who receive them. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Apostles

Preface 20.

Saint Stephen December 26

Collect

I. We give thee thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of the first martyr Stephen, who looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors to thy Son Jesus Christ, who standeth at thy right hand; where he liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II. We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of the first martyr Stephen, who looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors to your Son Jesus Christ, who stands at your right hand; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, be pleased with the gifts we bring in your honor as we celebrate the memory of Saint Stephen. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Incarnation

Preface 5.

The Christmas form of United in one communion *is said in Eucharistic Prayer I, or of* In union with the whole Church *in Eucharistic Prayer II.*

Saint John December 27

Collect

I. Shed upon thy Church, we beseech thee, O Lord, the brightness of thy light; that we, being illumined by the teaching of thine apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that we may at length attain to the fullness of life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, bless these gifts we present to you. With Saint John may we share in the hidden wisdom of your eternal Word which you reveal at this Eucharistic table. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Incarnation

Preface 5.

The Christmas form of United in one communion *is said in Eucharistic Prayer I, or of* In union with the whole Church *in Eucharistic Prayer II.*

The Holy Innocents December 28

Collect

I. We remember this day, O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by the order of King Herod. Receive, we beseech thee, into the arms of thy mercy all innocent victims; and by thy great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish thy rule of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by King Herod. Receive, we pray, into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims; and by your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, you give us your life even before we understand. Receive the offerings we bring in love, and free us from sin. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Incarnation

Preface 5.

The Christmas form of United in one communion *is said in Eucharistic Prayer I, or of* In union with the whole Church *in Eucharistic Prayer II.*

Conversion of Saint Paul January 25

Collect

I. O God, who, by the preaching of thine apostle Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, may your Spirit who helped Paul the apostle to preach your power and glory fill us with the light of faith as we celebrate this holy Eucharist. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Apostles

Preface 20.

The Presentation February 2

Collect

I. Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept the gifts your Church offers you with joy, since in fulfillment of your will your Son offered himself as a lamb without blemish for the life of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany

Preface 6.

Saint Joseph March 19

Collect

I. O God, who from the family of thy servant David didst raise up Joseph to be the guardian of thy incarnate Son and the spouse of his virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to thy commands; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the spouse of his virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, with unselfish love Saint Joseph cared for your Son, born of the Virgin Mary. May we also serve you at your altar with pure hearts. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Saint Joseph

Preface 19.

The Annunciation March 25

Collect

I. We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that we who have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Almighty Father, as we recall the beginning of the Church when your Son became man, may we celebrate with joy today this sacrament of your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany

Preface 6.

Saint Mark April 25

Collect

I. Almighty God, who by the hand of Mark the evangelist hast given to thy Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank thee for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, as we offer the sacrifice of praise on the feast of Saint Mark, we pray that your Church may always be faithful to the preaching of the gospel. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of All Saints

Preface 24.

Saint Philip and Saint James May 3

Collect

I. Almighty God, who didst give to thine apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth: Grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, who gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth: Grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept our gifts at this celebration in honor of the apostles Philip and James. Make our religion pure and undefiled. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Apostles

Preface 20.

Saint Matthias May 14

Collect

I. O Almighty God, who into the place of Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the Twelve: Grant that thy Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, who in the place of Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve: Grant that your Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be guided and governed by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept the gifts your Church offers on the feast of the apostle Matthias, and by this Eucharist strengthen your grace within us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Apostles

Preface 20.

The Visitation May 31

Collect

I. Father in heaven, by whose grace the virgin mother of thy incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping thy word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to thy will; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Father in heaven, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, make our sacrifice acceptable and holy as you accepted the love of Mary, the mother of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary ("in the Visitation")

Preface 18.

Saint Barnabas June 11

Collect

I. Grant, O God, that we may follow the example of thy faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of thy Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and, the spread of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Grant, O God, that we may follow the example of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, bless these gifts we present to you. May they kindle in us the flame of love by which Saint Barnabas brought the light of the gospel to the nations. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Apostles

Preface 20.

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist June 24

Collect

I. Almighty God, by whose providence thy servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, accept the gifts we bring to your altar to celebrate the birth of John the Baptist, who foretold the coming of our Savior and made him known when he came. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Advent

Preface 4.

Saint Peter and Saint Paul June 29

Collect

I. Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified thee by their martyrdom: Grant that thy Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by thy Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we present these gifts on the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul. Help us to know our own weakness and to rejoice in your saving power. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Apostles

Preface 20.

Saint Thomas July 3

Collect

I. Everliving God, who didst strengthen thine apostle Thomas with sure and certain faith in thy Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in thy sight; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Everliving God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we offer you our service and we pray: protect the Gifts you have given us as we offer the sacrifice of praise on the feast of your apostle Thomas. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Apostles

Preface 20.

Independence Day July 4

Collect

I. Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant, we beseech thee, that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Collect "For the Nation" (Various Occasions, 17) may be used instead.

Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father, you have given us in abundance that we may give you praise, and serve all your people in love. Accept these gifts we bring for the salvation of all the world, and help us to live in love as you have commanded. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Lord God, accept these gifts we bring to this altar, and teach us the wisdom of the gospel which leads to true justice and lasting peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Trinity Sunday

Preface 13.

Saint Mary Magdalene July 22

Collect

I. Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by thy grace we may be healed of all our infirmities and know thee in the power of his endless life; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and of mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by your grace we may be healed from all our infirmities and know you in the power of his unending life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept the gifts we present in memory of Saint Mary Magdalene; her loving worship was accepted by your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Preface of All Saints

Preface 24.

Saint James July 25

Collect

I. Grant, O merciful God, that, as thine holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II. O merciful God, that, as thine holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, as we honor Saint James, the first apostle to share the cup of suffering and death, wash away our sins by the saving passion of your Son, and make our sacrifice pleasing to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Apostles

Preface 20.

The Transfiguration August 6

Collect

I. O God, who on the holy mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thy well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II. O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, by the transfiguration of your Son make our gifts holy, and by his radiant glory free us from our sins. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany

Preface 6.

Saint Mary the Virgin: Assumption August 15

Collect

I. O God, who hast taken to thyself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of thy incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may, through her intercession, share with her the glory of thine eternal kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, receive this sacrifice of praise and peace in honor of the assumption of the Mother of God. May our offering bring us pardon and make our lives a thanksgiving to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary ("in the Assumption")

Preface 18.

Saint Bartholomew August 24

Collect

I. O Almighty and everlasting God, who didst give to thine apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word: Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church to love what he believed and to preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we offer you this sacrifice of praise on this feast of Saint Bartholomew. May his prayers win us your help. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Apostles

Preface 20.

Holy Cross Day September 14

Collect

I. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, may this sacrifice once offered on the cross to take away the sins of the world now free us from our sins. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Holy Week

Preface 9.

Saint Matthew September 21

Collect

I. We thank thee, heavenly Father, for the witness of thine apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of thy Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept the prayers and gifts we present on this feast of Saint Matthew. Continue to guide us in your love, as you nourished the faith of your Church by the preaching of the apostles. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Apostles

Preface 20.

Saint Michael and All Angels September 29

Collect

I. O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always serve and worship thee in heaven, so by thy appointment they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, by the ministry of your angels let our sacrifice of praise come before you. May it be pleasing to you and helpful to our own salvation. We ask this through Christ the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Trinity Sunday

Preface 13.

Saint Luke October 18

Collect

I. Almighty God, who didst inspire thy servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of thy Son: Graciously continue in thy Church the like love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of thy Name; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, may your gifts from heaven free our hearts to serve you. May this sacrifice we offer on the feast of Saint Luke bring us healing and lead us to eternal glory, where Jesus is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Preface of All Saints

Preface 24.

Saint Simon and Saint Jude October 28

Collect

I. O God, we thank thee for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, each year we recall the glory of your apostles Simon and Jude. Accept our gifts and prepare us to celebrate these holy mysteries. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Apostles

Preface 20.

All Saints' Day November 1

Collect

I. O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that, through their intercession, we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, receive our gifts in honor of the holy men and women who live with you in glory. May we always be aware of their concern to help and save us. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of All Saints

Preface 24.

Thanksgiving Day

Fourth Thursday in November

Collect

I. Almighty and gracious Father, we give thee thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we beseech thee, faithful stewards of thy great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father, from your hand we have received generous gifts so that we might learn to share your blessings in gratitude. Accept these gifts of bread and wine, and let the perfect sacrifice of Jesus draw us closer to all our brothers and sisters in the family of man. Grant this through Christ the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Trinity Sunday

Preface 13.

The Common of Saints

The festival of a saint is observed in accordance with the rules of precedence set forth in the Calendar of the Church Year.

At the discretion of the Celebrant, and as appropriate, any of the following Collects, with one of the corresponding sets of Psalms and Lessons, may be used (a) at the commemoration of a saint listed in the Calendar for which no Proper is provided in this Book, or (b) at the patronal festival or commemoration of a saint not listed in the Calendar.

Of a Martyr

Collect

I. O Almighty God, who didst give to thy servant *N.* boldness to confess the Name of our Savior Jesus Christ before the rulers of this world, and courage to die for this faith: Grant that we may always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, and to suffer gladly for the sake of the same our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, who gave to your servant *N.* boldness to confess the Name of our Savior Jesus Christ before the rulers of this world, and courage to die for this faith: Grant that we may always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

I. O Almighty God, by whose grace and power thy holy martyr *N.* triumphed over suffering and was faithful even unto death: Grant us, who now remember *him* with thanksgiving, to be so faithful in our witness to thee in this world, that we may receive with *him* the crown of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, by whose grace and power your holy martyr *N.* triumphed over suffering and was faithful even to death: Grant us, who now remember *him* in thanksgiving, to be so faithful in our witness to you in this world, that we may receive with *him* the crown of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or the following:

I. Almighty and everlasting God, who didst enkindle the flame of thy love in the heart of thy holy martyr *N.*: Grant to us, thy humble servants, a like faith and power of love, that we who rejoice in *his* triumph may profit by *his* example; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and everlasting God, who kindled the flame of your love in the heart of your holy martyr *N.*: Grant to us, your humble servants, a like faith and power of love, that we who rejoice in *his* triumph may profit by *his* example; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

1. *For several martyrs, outside the Easter Season*

Father, receive the gifts we bring in memory of your holy martyrs. Keep us strong in our faith and in our witness to you. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2. *For several martyrs, outside the Easter Season*

Lord, accept the gifts we bring to celebrate the feast of your martyrs. May this sacrifice free us from sin and make our service pleasing to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3. *For several martyrs, outside the Easter Season*

Lord, accept the gifts of your people as we honor the suffering and death of your martyrs *N.* and *N.* As the Eucharist gave them strength in persecution, may it keep us faithful in every difficulty. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

4. *For several martyrs, outside the Easter Season*

Lord, you gave Saints *N.* and *N.* the fulfillment of their faith in the vision of your glory. May the gifts we bring to honor their memory gain us your pardon and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

5. *For several martyrs, outside the Easter Season*

Lord, be pleased with the gifts we bring. May we who celebrate the mystery of the passion of your Son make this mystery part of our lives by the inspiration of the martyrs *N.* and *N.* Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Lord, may these gifts which we bring you in sacrifice to celebrate the victory of Saints *N.* and *N.* fill our hearts with your love, and prepare us for the reward you promise to those who are faithful. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

6. *For one martyr, outside the Easter Season*

Lord, bless our offerings and make them holy. May these Gifts fill our hearts with the love which gave Saint *N.* victory over all *his* suffering. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Lord, accept the gifts we offer in memory of the martyr *N.* May they be pleasing to you, as was the shedding of *his* blood for the faith. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

7. *For one martyr, outside the Easter Season*

God of love, pour out your blessing on our gifts; and make our faith strong, the faith which Saint *N.* professed by shedding *his* blood. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Lord, accept these gifts we present in memory of Saint *N.*, for no temptation could turn him away from you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

8. *For several martyrs, in the Easter Season*

Lord, we celebrate the death of your holy martyrs. May we offer the sacrifice which gives all martyrdom its meaning. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

9. *For several martyrs, in the Easter Season*

Lord, fill these gifts with the blessing of your Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts with the love which gave victory to Saints *N.* and *N.* in dying for the faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

10. *For one martyr, in the Easter Season*

Lord, accept this offering of praise and peace in memory of your martyr *N.* May it bring us your forgiveness, and inspire us to give you thanks now and for ever. Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

For missionary martyrs

Lord, at this celebration of the Eucharist we honor the suffering and death of your martyrs *N.* and *N.* In offering this sacrifice may we proclaim the death of your Son, who gave these martyrs courage not only by his words, but also by the example of his own passion; for he is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For a Virgin Martyr

Lord, receive our gifts as you accepted the suffering and death of Saint *N.*, in whose honor we celebrate this Eucharist. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Holy Woman Martyr

Lord, today we offer this sacrifice in joy as we recall the victory of Saint *N.* May we proclaim to others the great things you have done for us, and rejoice in the constant help of your martyr's prayers. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of a Saint

Preface 21.

Of a Missionary

Collect

I. Almighty and everlasting God, we thank thee for thy servant *N.*, whom thou didst call to preach the Gospel to the people of … (*or* to the … people). Raise up, we beseech thee, in this and every land evangelists and heralds of thy kingdom, that thy Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant *N.*, whom you called to preach the Gospel to the people of … (or to the … people). Raise up in this and every land evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, that your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

I. Almighty God, who willest to be glorified in thy saints, and didst raise up thy servant *N.* to be a light in the world: Shine, we pray thee, in our hearts, that we also in our generation may show forth thy praise, who hast called us out of darkness into thy marvelous light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, whose will it is to be glorified in your saints, and who raised up your servant *N.* to be a light in the world: Shine, we pray, in our hearts, that we also in our generation may show forth your praise, who called us out of darkness into your marvelous light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

All-powerful God, look upon the gifts we bring on this feast in honor of Saint *N.* May we who celebrate the mystery of the death of the Lord imitate the love we celebrate. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Lord, be pleased with our prayers, and free us from all guilt. In your love, wash away our sins, that we may celebrate the mysteries which set us free. Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Lord, we who honor the memory of Saint *N.* ask you to send your blessing on these gifts. By receiving them may we be freed from all guilt and share in the food from the heavenly table. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Pentecost

Preface 12.

Of a Pastor

Collect

I. O heavenly Father, Shepherd of thy people, we give thee thanks for thy servant *N.*, who was faithful in the care and nurture of thy flock; and we pray that, following his example and the teaching of his holy life, we may by thy grace grow into the stature of the fullness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Heavenly Father, Shepherd of your people, we thank you for your servant *N.*, who was faithful in the care and nurture of your flock; and we pray that, following his example and the teaching of his holy life, we may by your grace grow into the stature of the fullness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

I. O God, our heavenly Father, who didst raise up thy faithful servant *N.* to be a [pope or bishop and] pastor in thy Church and to feed thy flock: Give abundantly to all pastors the gifts of thy Holy Spirit, that they may minister in thy household as true servants of Christ and stewards of thy divine mysteries; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, our heavenly Father, who raised up your faithful servant *N.*, to be a [pope or bishop and] pastor in your Church and to feed your flock: Give abundantly to all pastors the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in your household as true servants of Christ and stewards of your divine mysteries; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

1. *For Popes or Bishops*

Lord, we offer you this sacrifice of praise in memory of your saints. May their prayers keep us from evil now and in the future. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2. *For Popes or Bishops*

Lord, may the sacrifice which wipes away the sins of all the world bring us forgiveness. Help us as we offer it in honor of Saint *N.* Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3. *For Bishops*

Lord, accept the gifts we bring to your holy altar on this feast of Saint *N.* May our offering bring honor to your name and pardon to your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

4. *For Bishops*

Lord, accept the gifts your people offer you on this feast of Saint *N.* May these gifts bring us your help for which we long. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

5. *For Pastors*

Father of mercy, we have these gifts to offer in honor of your saints who bore witness to your mighty power. May the power of the Eucharist bring us your salvation. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

6. *For Pastors*

Lord, accept these gifts from your people. May the Eucharist we offer to your glory in honor of Saints *N.* and *N.* help us on our way to salvation. Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

7. *For Pastors*

Lord, accept the gifts we bring to your altar in memory of your Saints *N.* and *N.* As you led them to glory through these mysteries, grant us also your pardon and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

8. *For Founders of Churches*

Lord, may the gifts your people bring in memory of Saint *N.* bring us your gifts from heaven. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of a Saint

Preface 21, 22, or 23.

Of a Theologian and Teacher

Collect

I. O God, who by thy Holy Spirit dost give to some the word of wisdom, to others the word of knowledge, and to others the word of faith: We praise thy Name for the gifts of grace manifested in thy servant *N.*, and we pray that thy Church may never be destitute of such gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, by your Holy Spirit you give to some the word of wisdom, to others the word of knowledge, and to others the word of faith: We praise your Name for the gifts of grace manifested in your servant *N.*, and we pray that your Church may never be destitute of such gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

I. O Almighty God, who didst give to thy servant *N.* special gifts of grace to understand and teach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus: Grant, we beseech thee, that by this teaching we may know thee, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, you gave to your servant *N.* special gifts of grace to understand and teach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus: Grant that by this teaching we may know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept our sacrifice on this feast of Saint *N.*; and, following his example, may we give you our praise and offer you all we have. Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Lord, by this celebration, may your Spirit fill us with the same light of faith that shines in the teaching of Saint *N.* We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preface of a Saint

Preface 21, 22, or 23.

Or this:

Preface of Trinity Sunday

Preface 13.

Of a Monastic

Collect

I. O God, whose blessed Son became poor that we through his poverty might be rich: Deliver us, we pray thee, from an inordinate love of this world, that, inspired by the devotion of thy servant *N.*, we may serve thee with singleness of heart, and attain to the riches of the age to come; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, whose blessed Son became poor that we through his poverty might be rich: Deliver us from an inordinate love of this world, that we, inspired by the devotion of your servant *N.*, may serve you with singleness of heart, and attain to the riches of the age to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

I. O God, by whose grace thy servant *N.*, enkindled with the fire of thy love, became a burning and a shining light in thy Church: Grant that we also may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipline, and may ever walk before thee as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, by whose grace your servant *N.*, kindled with the flame of your love, became a burning and shining light in your Church: Grant that we also may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipline, and walk before you as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God of all mercy, you transformed Saint *N.* and made him a new creature in your image. Renew us in the same way by making our gifts acceptable to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Lord, may this gift we bring to your altar in memory of Saint *N.* be acceptable to you. Free us from the things that keep us from you, and teach us to seek you as our only good. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preface of a Saint

Preface 21, 22, or 23.

Of a Saint

Collect

I. O Almighty God, who hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses: Grant that we, encouraged by the good example of thy servant *N.*, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at length, through thy mercy, we may with *him* attain to thine eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses: Grant that we, encouraged by the good example of your servant *N.*, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at last we may with *him* attain to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

I. O God, who hast brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of just men made perfect: Grant us during our earthly pilgrimage to abide in their fellowship, and in our heavenly country to become partakers of their joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels, and to the spirits of just men made perfect: Grant us during our earthly pilgrimage to abide in their fellowship, and in our heavenly country to become partakers of their joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

I. O Almighty God, who by thy Holy Spirit hast made us one with thy saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and may know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to thy power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

1. *For Virgins*

Lord, we see the wonder of your love in the life of the virgin *N.* and her witness to Christ. Accept our gifts of praise and make our offering pleasing to you. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2. *For Virgins*

Lord, may the gifts we bring you help us to follow the example of Saint *N.* Cleanse us from our earthly way of life, and teach us to live the new life of your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3. *For Virgins*

Lord, receive our worship in memory of *N.* the virgin. By this perfect sacrifice make us grow in unselfish love for you and for our brothers. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

4. *For Virgins*

Lord, we bring you our gifts and prayers. We praise your glory on this feast of the virgins *N.* and *N.*, whose witness to Christ was pleasing to you. Be pleased also with the Eucharist we now offer. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

5. *For Holy Men and Women*

Lord, in your kindness hear our prayers and the prayers which the saints offer on our behalf. Watch over us that we may offer fitting service at your altar. Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

6. *For Holy Men and Women*

All-powerful God, may the gifts we present bring honor to your saints, and free us from sin in mind and body. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

7. *For Holy Men and Women*

Lord, let the sacrifice we offer in memory of Saint *N.* bring to your people the gifts of unity and peace. Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

8. *For Holy Men and Women*

Lord, may this sacrifice we share on the feast of Saint *N.* give you praise and help us on our way to salvation. Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

9. *For Holy Men and Women*

Lord, give to us who offer these gifts at your altar the same spirit of love that filled Saint *N.* By celebrating this sacred Eucharist with pure minds and loving hearts, may we offer a sacrifice that pleases you, and brings salvation to us. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

10. *For Holy Men and Women*

Lord, we bring our gifts to your holy altar on this feast of your saints. In your mercy let this Eucharist give you glory and bring us to the fullness of your love. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

11. *For Those Who Work for the Underprivileged*

Lord, accept the gifts of your people. May we who celebrate the love of your Son also follow the example of your saints, and grow in love for you and for one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

12. *For Teachers*

Lord, accept the gifts your people bring in memory of your saints. May our sharing in this mystery help us to live the example of love you give us. Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

13. *For Holy Women*

Lord, may the gifts we present in memory of Saint *N.* bring us your forgiveness and salvation. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

14. *For Holy Women*

Lord, receive the gifts your people bring to you in honor of your saints. By the Eucharist we celebrate, may we progress toward salvation. Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of a Saint

Preface 21, 22, or 23.

Various Occasions

For optional use, when desired, subject to the rules set forth in the Calendar of the Church Year.

1. Of the Holy Trinity

Collect

I. Almighty God, who hast revealed to thy Church thine eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace to continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; who livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, you have revealed to your Church your eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace to continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; for you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, make these gifts holy, and through them make us a perfect offering to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Trinity Sunday

Preface 13.

2. Of the Holy Spirit

Collect

I. Almighty and most merciful God, grant, we beseech thee, that by the indwelling of thy Holy Spirit we may be enlightened and strengthened for thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and most merciful God, grant that by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit we may be enlightened and strengthened for your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, make this offering holy, and cleanse our hearts from sin. Send the light of your Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Pentecost

Preface 12.

3. *Of the Holy Angels*

Collect

I. O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always serve and worship thee in heaven, so by thy appointment they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, by the ministry of your angels let this sacrifice of praise we offer come before you. May it be pleasing to you, and helpful to our salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Trinity Sunday

Preface 13.

4. Of the Incarnation

Collect

I. O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, make holy these gifts through the coming of your Son, who shows us the way of truth and promises the life of your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Epiphany

Preface 6.

5. Of the Holy Eucharist

Especially suitable for Thursdays.

Collect

I. God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament hath left unto us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, hear our prayer for your mercy, as we celebrate this memorial of our salvation. May this Sacrament of love be for us the sign of unity and the bond of charity. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Holy Eucharist

Preface 14.

6. Of the Holy Cross

Especially suitable for Fridays.

Collect

I. Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage, we beseech thee, to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, may this sacrifice, once offered on the cross to take away the sins of the world, now free us from our sins. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Holy Week

Preface 9.

7. For all Baptized Christians

Especially suitable for Saturdays.

Collect

I. Grant, O Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Grant, Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, you have given your Son to save the whole world by his sacrifice. By the power of this offering, help all your people to fill the world with the Spirit of Christ. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Baptism

Preface 25.

8. For the Departed

Collect

I. O eternal Lord God, who holdest all souls in life: Give, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth thy light and thy peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served thee here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: Give to your whole Church in paradise and on earth your light and your peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served you here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

I. Almighty God, we remember this day before thee thy faithful servant *N.*; and we pray that, having opened to him the gates of larger life, thou wilt receive him more and more into thy joyful service, that, with all who have faithfully served thee in the past, he may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, we remember before you today your faithful servant *N.*; and we pray that, having opened to him the gates of larger life, you will receive him more and more into your joyful service, that, with all who have faithfully served you in the past, he may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Any of the Collects appointed for use at the Burial of the Dead may be used instead. Special Collects for a Young Person, for One Who Worked in the Service of the Gospel, for One Who Suffered a Long Illness, and for One Who Died Suddenly are set forth in the Roman Sacramentary.

For the Prayers of the People, one of the forms appointed for the Burial of the Dead may be used.

Prayer over the Gifts

1. *Funeral Mass outside the Easter Season*

Lord, receive the gifts we offer for the salvation of *N.* May Christ be merciful in judging our brother (sister) *N.*, for he believed in Christ as his Lord and Savior. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2. *Funeral Mass outside the Easter Season*

Lord, accept this sacrifice we offer for our brother (sister) *N.* on the day of his burial. May your love cleanse him from his human weakness, and forgive any sins he may have committed. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3. *Funeral Mass during the Easter Season*

Lord, we are united in this sacrament by the love of Jesus Christ. Accept these gifts, and receive our brother (sister) *N.* into the glory of your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

4. *Funeral Mass*

All-powerful Father, may this sacrifice wash away the sins of our brother (sister) *N.* in the blood of Christ. You cleansed him in the waters of baptism. In your loving mercy grant him pardon and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Commemoration of the Dead

Preface 27.

The following postcommunion prayer may be used.

Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

9. Of the Reign of Christ

Collect

I. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we offer you the sacrifice by which your Son reconciles mankind. May it bring unity and peace to the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Christ the King, *or*
Preface of the Ascension, *or*
Preface of Baptism

Preface 16, or 11, or 25.

10. At Baptism

This Mass is celebrated for the baptism of adults, especially when confirmation is given in the same service. It may also be celebrated for the baptism of children, and may be said on any day except the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, solemnities, Ash Wednesday, and the weekdays of Holy Week.

Collect

I. Almighty God, who by our baptism into the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ dost turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, you have renewed these men and women in the likeness of Christ your Son, (have sealed them with your Spirit,) and united them to your priestly people. Accept them with the sacrifice offered by your Church. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Lord, you welcome us to your table, where bread and wine are prepared for us. May we who celebrate this Eucharistic feast be counted as fellow-citizens of the saints and members of your household. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Baptism

Preface 25.

11. At Confirmation

Collect

I. Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in thy Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in your Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we celebrate the memorial of our redemption by which your Son won for us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Accept our offerings, and send us your Spirit to make us more like Christ in bearing witness to the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Baptism, *or*
Preface of Pentecost

Preface 25, or 12.

12. On the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church

Collect

I. O Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give thee thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place; and we pray that all who seek thee here may find thee, and be filled with thy joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, as we recall the day you filled this church with your glory and holiness, may our lives also become an acceptable offering to you. Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Dedication of a Church

Preface 17.

13. For a Church Convention or Synod

Collect

I. Almighty and everlasting Father, who hast given the Holy Spirit to abide with us for ever: Bless, we beseech thee, with his grace and presence, the bishops and the other clergy and the laity here (or now, or soon to be) assembled in thy Name, that thy Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of him who loved it and gave himself for it, thy Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty and everlasting Father, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us for ever: Bless, we pray, with his grace and presence, the bishops and the other clergy and the laity here (or now, or soon to be) assembled in your Name, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of him who loved it and gave himself for it, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God of love, look upon the gifts of your servants, and give us light to know your way, to understand it clearly, and to follow it in confidence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Season, *or*
Preface of Pentecost

Preface 12.

14. For the Unity of the Church

Collect

I. Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, even as thou and he are one: Grant that thy Church, being bound together in love and obedience to thee, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom thou didst send, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, by one perfect sacrifice you gained us as your people. Bless us and all your Church with gifts of unity and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Lord, hear our prayer for your mercy, as we celebrate this memorial of our salvation. May this sacrament of your love be our sign of unity and our bond of charity. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Father, may the sacrifice we offer you free us from our sins and bring together all who are joined by one baptism, to share this mystery of the Eucharist. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Baptism, *or*
Preface of Trinity Sunday

Preface 25, or 13.

15. For the Ministry (Ember Days)

For use on the traditional days or at other times.

I. *For those to be ordained*

Collect

I. Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed various orders in thy Church: Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all who are [now] called to any office and ministry for thy people; and so fill them with the truth of thy doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name and for the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church: Give your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are [now] called to any office and ministry for your people; and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your great Name and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept our prayers and gifts. Give the Church more priests, and keep them faithful in their love and service. Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of Apostles

Preface 20.

II. *For the choice of fit persons for the ministry*

Collect

I. O God, who didst lead thy holy apostles to ordain ministers in every place: Grant that thy Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may choose suitable persons for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and may uphold them in their work for the extension of thy kingdom; through him who is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, you led your holy apostles to ordain ministers in every place: Grant that your Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may choose suitable persons for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and may uphold them in their work for the extension of your kingdom; through him who is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, your Son washed the feet of his disciples as an example to us. Accept our gifts and our worship; by offering ourselves as a spiritual sacrifice, may we be filled with the spirit of humility and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preface of the Season

III. *For all Christians in their vocation*

Collect

I. Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

I. Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God of mercy, look on our offering, and by the power of this sacrament help all who believe in you to become the holy people you have called to be your own. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Father, you have given your Son to save the whole world by his sacrifice. By the power of this offering, help all your people to fill the world with the Spirit of Christ. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Season, *or* Preface of Baptism

Preface 25.

16. For the Mission of the Church

Collect

I. O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee, bring the nations into thy fold, pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

I. O God of all the nations of the earth: Remember the multitudes who have been created in thine image but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus Christ and grant that, by the prayers and labors of thy holy Church, they may be brought to know and worship thee as thou hast been revealed in thy Son; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O God of all the nations of the earth: Remember the multitudes who have been created in your image but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus Christ, and grant that, by the prayers and labors of your holy Church, they may be brought to know and worship you as you have been revealed in your Son; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, look upon the face of Christ your Son, who gave up his life to set all men free. Through him may your name be praised among all peoples from East to West, and everywhere may one sacrifice be offered to give you glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Season, *or*
Preface of Pentecost

Preface 12.

17. For the Nation

Collect

I. Lord God Almighty, who hast made all peoples of the earth for thy glory, to serve thee in freedom and peace: Grant to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with thy gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Collect for Independence Day may be used instead.

Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father, you have given us in abundance that we might give you praise and serve all your people in love. Accept these gifts we bring for the salvation of all the world, and help us to live in love as you have commanded. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Lord God, accept these gifts we bring to this altar; and teach us the wisdom of the gospel which leads to true justice and lasting peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preface of Trinity Sunday

Preface 13.

18. For Peace

Collect

I. O Almighty God, kindle, we beseech thee, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with thy wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquillity thy dominion may increase till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquillity your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, may the saving sacrifice of your Son, our King and Peacemaker, which we offer through these sacramental signs of unity and peace, bring harmony and concord to all your children. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this, in time of war or civil disturbance:

Lord, remember Christ your son who is peace itself, and who has washed away our hatred with his blood. Because you love all men, look with mercy on us. Banish the violence and evil within us, and by this offering restore tranquillity and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preface of the Season

19. For Rogation Days

For use on the traditional days or at other times.

I. *For fruitful seasons*

Collect

I. Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that thy gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who constantly receive good things from thy hand, may always give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father, you provide the human race with food for strength, and with the Eucharist for its renewal; may these Gifts which we offer always bring us health of mind and body. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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II. *For commerce and industry*

Collect

I. Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with thy people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to thy will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, receive the gifts of your Church; and by the human labor we offer you, join us to the saving work of Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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III. *For stewardship of creation*

Collect

I. O merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us, we beseech thee, ever thankful for thy loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we offer you this sacrifice of praise for all you have given us, even though we are unworthy of your love. May we always use your many gifts to bring glory to your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Season

20. For the Sick

Collect

I. Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve thy sick servants, and give thy power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those (*or N.*, *or NN.*) for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in thy loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those (*or N.*, *or NN.*) for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father, your love guides every moment of our lives. Accept the prayers and gifts we offer for our sick brothers and sisters; restore them to health, and turn our anxiety for them into joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Season

The following postcommunion prayer may be used.

Postcommunion Prayer

Gracious Father, we give thee praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

21. For Social Justice

Collect

I. Almighty God, who hast created us in thine own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father, by the sacrifice of Christ you freed your Church from sin and made it holy. May we, who are one with Christ, the head of the Church, be one with his offering; may we be united in serving you with all our hearts. Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

For persecuted Christians:

Lord, accept the prayers and gifts we offer. May those who suffer persecution because of their faithful service to you rejoice in uniting their sacrifice to that of Christ your Son, and realize that their names are written in heaven among your chosen people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For refugees and exiles:

Lord, your Son gave his life to gather your scattered children into one family. May this sacrifice unite the hearts of all men in peace, and help us to grow in brotherly love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For those unjustly deprived of liberty:

Lord, we offer you the sacrament which saves the human race. May it release those unjustly deprived of liberty, and give them freedom of mind and heart for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Season

22. For Social Service

Collect

I. O Lord our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be ministered unto but to minister: Bless, we beseech thee, all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, the same thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we celebrate this memorial of the love of your Son. May his saving work bring salvation to the world through the ministry of your Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Preface of the Season

23. For Education

Collect

I. Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by thy Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of thy truth, they may worship thee and serve thee from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, we offer you this sacrifice of praise for all you have given us, even though we are unworthy of your love. May we always use your many gifts to bring glory to your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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24. For Vocation in Daily Work

Collect

I. Almighty God our heavenly Father, who declarest thy glory and showest forth thy handiwork in the heavens and in the earth: Deliver us, we beseech thee, in our several occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work which thou givest us to do, in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of him who came among us as one that serveth, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God our heavenly Father, you declare your glory and show forth your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth: Deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work you give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of him who came among us as one who serves, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father, you provide the human race with food for strength and with the Eucharist for its renewal; may these Gifts which we offer always bring us health of mind and body. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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25. *For Labor Day*

Collect

I. Almighty God, who hast so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II. Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, receive the gifts of your Church; and by the human labor we offer you, join us to the saving work of Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Preface of the Season

HOLY BAPTISM

Concerning the Service

Baptism is the sacrament which is the gate to all other sacraments. It is necessary for salvation in fact or at least in intention, and is the means by which Christians are freed from sin, are reborn as children of God, and are incorporated into Christ's Body the Church. It is conferred validly only by the rite of immersion, or the rite of infusion or pouring, using true water and the required formula.

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble.

The ordinary ministers of Baptism are bishops, priests, and deacons.

Holy Baptism is appropriately administered within the Eucharist as the chief service on a Sunday or other feast.

The Bishop, when present, is the celebrant; and is expected to preach the Word and preside at Baptism and the Eucharist. At Baptism, the bishop officiates at the Presentation and Examination of the Candidates; says the Thanksgiving over the Water; reads the prayer, "Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy spirit;" and officiates at what follows.

In the absence of a bishop, a priest is the celebrant and presides at the service.

Each candidate for Holy Baptism is to be sponsored by one or more baptized persons.

Sponsors of adults and older children present their candidates and thereby signify their endorsement of the candidates and their intention to support them by prayer and example in their Christian life. Sponsors of infants, commonly called godparents, present their candidates, make promises in their own names, and also take vows on behalf of their candidates.

Parents and godparents are to be instructed in the meaning of Baptism, in their duties to help the new Christians grow in the knowledge and love of God, and in their responsibilities as members of his Church.

Additional Directions

Holy Baptism is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, and on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the First Sunday after the Epiphany). Nevertheless, the first consideration is the welfare of the person to be baptized. That person may not be deprived of the benefit of this sacrament; hence, for pastoral reasons baptism may be conferred at any time.

If on the four days listed above there are no candidates for Baptism, the renewal of Baptismal Vows may take the place of the Nicene Creed at the Eucharist.

If desired, the hymn Gloria in Excelsis may be sung immediately after the opening versicles and before the salutation,

The Lord be with you.

When the Bishop is present, or on other occasions for sufficient reason, the Collect (page 494) and one or more of the Lessons provided for use at Baptism may be substituted for the Proper of the Day.

Lay persons may act as readers, and it is appropriate for sponsors to be assigned this function. The petitions (page 534) may also be led by one of the sponsors.

The Nicene Creed is not used at this service.

If the Presentation of the Candidates does not take place at the font, then before or during the petitions (page 534), the ministers, candidates, and sponsors go to the font for the thanksgiving over the Water.

If the movement to the font is a formal procession, a suitable psalm such as Psalm 41, or a hymn or anthem may be sung.

Where practicable, the font is to be filled with clean water immediately before the Thanksgiving over the Water.

At the Thanksgiving over the water, and at the administration of Baptism, the celebrant, whenever possible, should face the people across the font, and the sponsors should be so grouped that the people may have a clear view of the action.

After the Baptism, a candle (which may be lighted from the Paschal Candle) may be given to each of the newly baptized or to a godparent.

It may be found desirable to move to the front of the church for the prayer, "We receive this Child (Person)" *or* "Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit," and the ceremonies that follow it. A suitable psalm, such as Psalm 23, or a hymn or anthem, may be sung during the procession.

The oblations of bread and wine at the baptismal Eucharist may be presented by the newly baptized or their godparents.

Conditional Baptism

If there is reasonable doubt that a person has been baptized with water, "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (which are the essential parts of Baptism), the person is baptized in the usual manner, but this form of words is used:

If you are not already baptized, *N.*, I baptize you
in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Emergency Baptism

In case of emergency, any baptized person may administer Baptism according to the following form.

Using the given name of the one to be baptized (if known), pour water on him or her, saying:

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord's Prayer is then said.

Other prayers, such as the following, may be added.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised him to the new life of grace. Strengthen him, O Lord, with your presence, enfold him in the arms of your mercy, and keep him safe for ever.

The person who administers emergency Baptism should inform the priest of the appropriate parish, so that the fact can be properly registered.

If the baptized person recovers, the Baptism should be recognized at a public celebration of the Sacrament with a bishop or priest presiding, and the person baptized under emergency conditions, together with the sponsors or godparents, taking part in everything except the administration of the water.

Holy Baptism
Rite One

When Baptism is to be administered at the Eucharist, the Rite follows directly after the homily.

The Minister of Baptism is vested in alb and white stole, or surplice and white stole. He may wear a cope.

The Minister says to the Godparents:

Hath this Child (Person) been already baptized, or no?

If they answer, No: then shall the Minister proceed as followeth.

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as our Savior Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Ghost; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous mercy he will grant to *this Child* (*this Person*) that which by nature *he* cannot have; that *he* may be baptized with Water and the Holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy Church and be made *a* living *member* of the same.

Then shall the Minister say,

Let us pray.

Almighty and immortal God, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to thee for succor, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for *this Child (this* thy *Servant),* that *he* coming to thy holy Baptism, may receive remission of sin, by spiritual regeneration. Receive *him,* O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now unto us who ask; let us who seek, find; open the gate unto us who knock; that *this Child (this* thy *Servant)* may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

When Baptism takes place at Mass, it follows the Homily and the following Gospel reading is omitted.

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint Mark, in the tenth Chapter, at the thirteenth Verse.

They brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said, Suff er the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Or this:

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint John, in the third Chapter, at the first Verse.

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Or this:

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint Matthew, in the twenty-eighth Chapter, at the eighteenth Verse.

Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Then shall the Minister say:

And now, being persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father toward this *Child (this Person),* declared by his Son Jesus Christ; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and say,

Minister and People:

Almighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father,
we give thee humble thanks,
that thou hast vouchsafed to call us
to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee:
increase this knowledge,
and confirm this faith in us evermore.
Give thy Holy Spirit to *this child (this* thy *Servant),*
that *he* may be born again,
and be made *an heir* of everlasting salvation;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.

For Children

When the Office is used for Children, the Minister shall speak unto the Godfathers and Godmothers on this wise.

Dearly beloved, ye have brought *this Child* here to be baptized; ye have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive *him,* to release *him* from sin, to sanctify *him* with the Holy Ghost, to give *him* the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life.

Dost thou, therefore, in the name of this Child, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow, not be led by them?

Answer I renounce them all; and, by God's help, will endeavor not to follow, nor be led by them.

Minister Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

Answer I do.

Minister Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

Answer That is my desire.

Minister Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer I will, by God's help.

Minister Having now, in the name of this Child, made these promises, wilt thou also on thy part take heed that this Child learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health?

Answer I will, by God's help.

Minister Wilt thou take heed that this Child, so soon as sufficiently instructed, be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him?

Answer I will, God being my helper.

For Adults

When the Office is used for Adults, the Minister shall address them on this wise, the Persons to be baptized answering the questions for themselves.

Well-beloved, you have come hither desiring to receive holy Baptism. We have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive you, to release you from sin, to sanctify you with the holy Ghost, to give you the kingdom of heaven, and everlasting life.

Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Answer I renounce them all; and, by God's help, will endeavor not to follow, nor be led by them.

Minister Dost thou believe in Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God?

Answer I do.

Minister Dost thou accept him, and desire to follow him as thy Savior and Lord?

Answer I do.

Minister Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

Answer I do.

Minister Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

Answer That is my desire.

Minister Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer I will, by God's help.

Then shall the Minister say,

O merciful God, grant that like as Christ died and rose again, so *this Child (this thy Servant)* may die to sin and rise to newness of life. *Amen.*

Grant that all sinful affections may die in *him*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *him. Amen.*

Grant that *he* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph, against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *Amen.*

Grant that whosoever is here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live, and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

Minister The Lord be with you,
Answer And with thy spirit.

Minister Lift up your hearts.
Answer We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
Answer It is meet and right so to do.

Then the Minister shall say,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, for that thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Regard, we beseech thee, the supplications of thy congregation; sanctify ✠ this water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that *this Child (this thy Servant),* now to be baptized therein, may receive the fullness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Then the Minister shall take the Child into his arms, and shall say to the Godfathers and Godmothers,

Name this Child.

And then, naming the Child after them, he shall dip him in the Water discretely, or shall pour Water upon him, saying,

N., I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

But Note. *That if the Person to be baptized be an Adult, the Minister shall take him by the hand, and shall ask the Witnesses the Name; and then shall dip him in the Water, or pour Water upon him, using the same form of words.*

Then the Minister shall say,

We receive *this Child* (*Person*) into the congregation of Christ's flock; and do

Here the Minister shall make a Cross upon the Child's (or Person's) forehead.

sign *him* with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister anoint the baptized on the crown of the head saying,

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath regenerated thee by Water and the Holy Ghost, and hath given unto thee remission of all thy sins, vouchsafe to an✠oint thee with the Unction of his Holy Spirit, and bring thee to the inheritance of everlasting life. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister say,

Seeing now, dearly beloved brethren, that *this Child (this Person)* is regenerate, and grafted into the body of Christ's Church, let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits; and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that *this Child (this Person)* may lead the rest of his life according to this beginning.

Then shall be said,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy Name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say:

We yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate *this Child (this thy Servant)* with thy Holy Spirit, to receive *him* for thine own *Child,* and to incorporate *him* into thy holy Church. And humbly we beseech thee to grant, that *he*, being dead unto sin, may live unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in his death, may also be partaker of his resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of thy holy Church, *he* may be *an inheritor* of thine everlasting kingdom; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Minister shall add:

The Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; Grant you to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that, Christ dwelling in your hearts by faith, ye may be filled with all the fullness of God. *Amen.*

Private Baptism

When, in consideration of extreme sickness, necessity may require, then the following form shall suffice:

The Child (or Person) being named by some one who is present, the Minister shall pour Water upon him, saying these words:

N., I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

After which shall be said the Lord's Prayer, and the Thanksgiving from this office, beginning, We yield thee hearty thanks*, etc.*

But Note. *That in the case of an Adult, the Minister shall first ask the questions provided in this Office for the Baptism of Adults.*

In cases of extreme sickness, or any imminent peril, if a Minister cannot be procured, then any baptized person present may administer holy Baptism, using the foregoing form. Such Baptism shall be promptly reported to the Parish authorities.

The Receiving of One Privately Baptized.

It is expedient that a Child or Person so baptized be afterward brought to the Church, at which time these parts of the foregoing service shall be used:

The Gospel, the Questions (omitting the question Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith? and the answer thereto), the Declaration, We receive this Child (or Person), etc., and the remainder of the office.

Conditional Baptism

If there be reasonable doubt whether any person was baptized with Water In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, (which are essential parts of Baptism), such person may be baptized in the form before appointed in this Office, saving that, at the immerson or the pouring of water, the Minister shall use this form of words:

If thou art not already baptized, *N.*, I baptize thee
in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Holy Baptism
Rite Two

The Minister of Baptism is vested in alb and white stole, or surplice and white stole. He may wear a cope.

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The People standing, the Celebrant says:

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom,
now and for ever. Amen.

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost:

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In Lent and on other penitential occasions:

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant then continues:

There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

The People respond:

Amen.

At the principal service on a Sunday or other feast, the Collect and Lessons are properly those of the Day. On other occasions they are selected from "At Baptism." (See Additional Directions, page 517.)

The Lessons

The People sit.

One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading (Lesson) from …

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each Reading, the Reader may say:

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

or the Reader may say:

Here ends the Reading (Epistle).

Silence may follow.

A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ….

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says:

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Or the Sermon may be preached after the Peace.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says:

The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Adults and Older Children

The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, as follows

Sponsor I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented:

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Infants and Younger Children

Then the candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows:

Parents and Godparents
I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented, the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents:

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents
I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents
I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children:

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

When there are others to be presented, the Bishop says:

The other Candidate(s) will now be presented.
Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation.

Or this:

I present these persons who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates:

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Answer I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Answer I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words:

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation:

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth [and for those (this person) who have renewed *their* commitment to Christ.]

A Person appointed leads the following petitions:

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion
of your holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says:

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying:

	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues:

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water:

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying:

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying:

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism, and saying to each one:

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as members of his body, sharing everlasting life. *Amen.*

Or this action may be done immediately after the administration of the water and before the preceding prayer.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says:

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

If Confirmation or the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows is not to follow, the Peace is now exchanged.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

At the Eucharist

The service then continues with the Prayers of the People or the Offertory of the Eucharist, at which the Bishop, when present, should be the principal Celebrant.

Except on Principal Feasts, the Proper Preface of Baptism (Preface 25) may be used.

Alternative Ending

If there is no celebration of the Eucharist, the service continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Celebrant then says:

All praise and thanks to you, most merciful Father, for adopting us as your own children, for incorporating us into your holy Church, and for making us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Alms may be received and presented, and other prayers may be added, concluding with this prayer:

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named, grant you to be strengthened with might by his Holy Spirit, that, Christ dwelling in your hearts by faith, you may be filled with all the fullness of God. *Amen.*

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. *Amen.*

HOLY MATRIMONY

Concerning the Service

The Sacrament of Marriage is a solemn and public covenant between a baptized man and woman in the presence of God.

Marriage is celebrated in the presence of the Bishop, the Pastor, or a priest or deacon delegated by either of them. The Canon Law and Diocesan norms regarding the celebration of marriage are to be observed.

It is desirable that the Lessons from the Old Testament and the Epistles be read by lay persons.

In the opening exhortation (at the symbol of N.), the full names of the persons to be married are declared. Subsequently, only their Christian names are used.

General Rubrics

1. If the Banns are published, they shall be read on three Sundays or holy days, at Mass, the people being present, and shall be in the following form:

   I publish the Banns of Marriage between *N.* of (…) and *N.* of (…). If any of you know just cause, or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it. This is the first (second, *or* third) time of asking.

2. If two or more marriages are celebrated at the one service, the scrutiny, the exchange of vows, and the giving and receiving of rings shall be said individually for each couple, and the question *Who giveth this Woman*, when used, shall likewise be asked individually. The remainder, including the Nuptial Blessing, is said but once, the plural form being used.
3. The pastor of the proper parish or a duly delegated priest or deacon is to officiate, and the appropriate Canons (CIC 1983) and Diocesan norms are to be followed.
4. When a Priest cannot officiate, a Deacon who has been duly delegated by the Bishop or Priest may officiate, using the form for the Solemnization apart from Mass.
5. There shall be at least two witnesses to the marriage.
6. A hymn, psalm or anthem may be sung, or instrumental music played, as the Man and Woman and their attendants approach the altar or depart therefrom.

7. If there be a procession to the altar, the ministers, then the Priest, shall be first. Then shall come: either the Man then the Woman, each with attendants; or the Man and the Woman together, with attendants.

8. The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage may be used with any authorized liturgy for the Holy Eucharist. This service then replaces the Ministry of the Word, and the Eucharist begins with the Offertory.

9. After the Declaration of Consent, if there is to be a giving in marriage, or persentation, the Celebrant asks,

   Who gives (presents) this woman to be married to this man?

   or the following:

   Who presents this woman and this man to be married to each other?

   To either question, the appropriate answer is, *"I do."* If more than one person responds, they do so together.

10. For the Ministry of the Word it is fitting that the man and woman to be married remain where they may conveniently hear the reading of Scripture. They may approach the Altar, either for the exchange of vows or for the Blessing of the Marriage.

11. It is appropriate that all remain standing until the conclusion of the Collect. Seating may be provided for the wedding party, so that all may be seated for the Lessons and the homily.

12. The Apostles' Creed may be recited after the Lessons, or after the homily, if there be one.

13. When desired, some other suitable symbol of the vows may be used in place of the ring.

14. At the Offertory, it is desirable that the bread and wine be presented to the ministers by the newly married persons. They may then remain before the Lord's Table and receive Holy Communion before other members of the congregation.

According to older customs and usage:

— In churches with liturgical choir between the sanctuary and nave, Admonition and Scrutiny may be held at the chancel steps. In churches without liturgical choir, the Man and Woman stand near

the entrance of the sanctuary, and, without attendants, may enter to kneel in the sanctuary for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

— When the rite takes place at Mass, the Priest wears Mass vestments; otherwise, he is vested in surplice and stole. The cope may be worn throughout for the rite except during Mass for which he changes to the Chasuble.

— Holy water may be used for sprinkling the ring or rings and at the Blessing of the newly-married.

— At the delivery of the ring, the Man may place the ring on the thumb of the Bride's left hand as he says *In the Name of the Father*, then over the index finger as he says *and of the Son*, over the next finger as he says *and of the Holy Ghost*, and then on her ring finger as he says, *Amen.*

— When the Priest joins the right hands of the Husband and Wife, he may wrap the end of his stole around the joined hands as he proclaims, *Those whom God hath joined,* etc.

Holy Matrimony
Rite One

The Admonition and Scrutiny

At the day and time appointed for Solemnization of Matrimony, the Persons to be married shall come into the body of the Church, with their friends and neighbors; and there standing together, the Man on the right hand, and the Woman on the left, the Minister shall say:

Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy Matrimony; which is an honorable estate, instituted of God, signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and his Church: which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence and first miracle that he wrought in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of Saint Paul to be honorable among all men: and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

And also speaking unto the Persons who are to be married, he shall say:

I require and charge you both, as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment why ye may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that if any persons are joined together otherwise than as God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

The Minister, if he shall have reason to doubt of the lawfulness of the proposed Marriage, may demand sufficient surety for his indemnification: but if no impediment shall be alleged, or suspected, the Minister shall say to the Man:

N., wilt thou have this Woman to thy wedded wife to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor, and keep her in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

The Man shall answer:

I will.

Then shall the Minister say unto the Woman,

N., wilt thou have this Man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honor, and keep him in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

The Woman shall answer,

I will.

Then may the Minister say,

Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man?

The Minister may receive the woman at her father's or friend's hand.

He may answer:

I do (*or* We do).

The Liturgy of the Word

The Liturgy of the Word shall follow. A homily may be delivered after the Gospel.

The Exchange of Vows

Then shall they give their troth to each other in this manner.

Following the homily (or the Gospel, if there be no homily), all standing, the Minister shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her left hand, and to say after him as followeth,

I *N.* take thee *N.* to my wedded Wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Then shall they loose their hands; and the Woman with her right hand taking the Man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Minister,

I *N.* take thee *N.* to my wedded Husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

Then shall they again loose their hands. The Ring or Rings shall be delivered to the Priest who shall bless the same, saying,

Bless, ✠ O Lord, this Ring, that he who gives it and she who wears it may abide in thy peace, and continue in thy favor, unto their life's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this:

Bless, ✠ O Lord, these Rings, that they who give and receive them may abide in thy peace, and continue in thy favor, unto their life's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Minister taking the Ring shall deliver it unto the Man, to put it upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand. And the Man holding the Ring there, and taught by the Minister, shall say,

With this Ring I thee wed: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Likewise, the Woman may receive the Ring for the Bridegroom, and put it on her Husband's ring finger, saying,

With this Ring I thee wed: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall the Minister join their right hands together, and say,

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

Then shall the Minister speak unto the People,

Forasmuch as *N.* and *N.* have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth, each to the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving a Ring (or Rings), and by joining hands; I pronounce that they are Man and Wife, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Liturgy of the Eucharist shall follow.

The Prayers of the People may be said.

The Kiss of Peace is given not in its usual place, but before the Postcommunion Prayer (p. 547).

At the Offertory the newly married Persons may present the bread and the wine.

The Proper Preface for a Marriage is to be said on those days when the Ritual Mass of Marriage is permitted.

Nuptial Blessing

After the Lord's Prayer, the Priest, facing the Husband and Wife, shall say,

O eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life; Send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we ✠ bless in thy Name; that they, living faithfully together, may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, whereof this Ring (or these Rings) given and received is a token (or are tokens) and pledge, and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who hast so consecrated the state of Matrimony that in it is represented the spiritual marriage and unity betwixt Christ and his Church; Look mercifully upon these thy servants, that they may love, honor, and cherish each other, and so live together in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

And the Priest may add:

O Almighty God, Creator of mankind, who only art the wellspring of life; Bestow upon these thy servants, if it be thy will, the gift and heritage of children; and grant that they may see their children brought up in thy faith and fear, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the People,

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Postcommunion Prayer

In the place of the usual postcommunion prayer, the following is said:

O God, the giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious: we give thee thanks for binding us together in these holy mysteries of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. Grant that by thy Holy Spirit, *N.* and *N.*, now joined in Holy Matrimony, may become one in heart and mind, live in fidelity and peace, and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who love thee; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessing at the Close of Mass

Immediately before the Blessing of the People, the Priest, facing the Bridegroom and Bride, the Man and Woman kneeling, shall bless them, saying,

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, ✠ bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

If Matrimony be solemnized apart from the Mass, all shall be done as above until the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In the stead thereof shall be said the Lord's Prayer, the Nuptial Blessing, and the Blessing at the Close of Mass.

Holy Matrimony
Rite Two

At the time appointed, the persons to be married, with their witnesses assemble in the church or some other appropriate place.

During their entrance, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung, or instrumental music may be played.

Then the Celebrant, facing the People and the persons to be married, with the woman to the right and the man to the left, addresses the congregation and says:

Dearly beloved: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony. The bond and covenant of marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. It signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and his Church, and Holy Scripture commends it to be honored among all people.

The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Therefore marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

Into this holy union *N.* and *N.* now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, speak now; or else for ever hold your peace.

Then the Celebrant says to the persons to be married:

I require and charge you both, here in the presence of God, that if either of you know any reason why you may not be united in marriage lawfully, and in accordance with God's Word, you do now confess it.

The Declaration of Consent

The Celebrant says to the woman:

N., will you have this man to be your husband; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

The Woman answers:

I will.

The Celebrant says to the man:

N., will you have this woman to be your wife; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

The Man answers:

I will.

The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying:

Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

The People respond:

We will.

If there is to be a presentation or a giving in marriage, it takes place at this time.

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may follow.

The Ministry of the Word

The Celebrant then says to the People:

The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant:

Let us pray.

O gracious and everliving God, you have created us male and female in your image: Look mercifully upon this man and this woman who come to you seeking your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Then one (or more) of the following passages from Holy Scripture is read. If there is to be a Eucharist, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the Readings.

Genesis 1:26–28 (Male and female he created them)
Genesis 2:4–9, 15–24 (A man cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh)
Song of Solomon 2:10–13; 8:6–7 (Many waters cannot quench love)
Tobit 8:5b–8 (New English Bible) (That she and I may grow old together)
1 Corinthians 13:1–13 (Love is patient and kind)
Ephesians 3:14–19 (The Father from whom every family is named)
Ephesians 5:1–2, 21–33 (Walk in love, as Christ loved us)
Colossians 3:12–17 (Love which binds everything together in harmony)
1 John 4:7–16 (Let us love one another, for love is of God)

Between the Readings, a psalm, hymn, or anthem may be sung or said. Appropriate Psalms are 67, 127, and 128.

When a passage from the Gospel is to be read, all stand, and the Deacon or Minister appointed says:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 5:1–10 (The Beatitudes)
Matthew 5:13–16 (You are the light.... Let your light so shine)
Matthew 7:21, 24–29 (Like a wise man who built his house upon the rock)
Mark 10:6–9, 13–16 (They are no longer two but one)
John 15:9–12 (Love one another as I have loved you)

After the Gospel, the Reader says:

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A homily or other response to the Readings may follow.

The Marriage

The Man, facing the woman and taking her right hand in his, says:

In the Name of God, I, *N.*, take you, *N.*, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

Then they loose their hands, and the Woman, still facing the man, takes his right hand in hers, and says:

In the Name of God, I, N., take you, N., to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

They loose their hands.

The Priest may ask God's blessing on a ring or rings as follows:

Bless, O Lord, this ring to be a sign of the vows by which this man and this woman have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The giver places the ring on the ring-finger of the other's hand and says:

N., I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (*or* in the Name of God).

Then the Celebrant joins the right hands of husband and wife and says,

Now that *N.* and *N.* have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of a ring, I pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

People Amen.

The Prayers

All standing, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray together in the words our Savior taught us.

People and Celebrant:

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. *Amen.*

If a Eucharist is to follow, the Lords Prayer may be omitted here.

The Deacon or other person appointed reads the following prayers, to which the People respond, saying, Amen.

If there is not to be a Eucharist, one or more of the prayers may be omitted.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon this man and this woman whom you make one flesh in Holy Matrimony. *Amen.*

Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. *Amen.*

Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their life. *Amen.*

Give them grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault, and to seek each other's forgiveness and yours. *Amen.*

Make their life together a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair. *Amen.*

Bestow on them, if it is your will, the gift and heritage of children, and the grace to bring them up to know you, to love you, and to serve you. *Amen.*

Give them such fulfillment of their mutual affection that they may reach out in love and concern for others. *Amen.*

Grant that all married persons who have witnessed these vows may find their lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed. *Amen.*

The Priest or Deacon then says:

Grant that the bonds of our common humanity, by which all your children are united one to another, and the living to the dead, may be so transformed by your grace, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven; where, O Father, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign in perfect unity, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing of the Marriage

The People remain standing. The husband and wife kneel, and the Priest says one of the following prayers:

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to make the way of the cross to be the way of life. We thank you, also, for consecrating the union of man and woman in his Name. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon this man and this woman. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their work and in their companionship, in their sleeping and in their waking, in their joys and in their sorrows, in their life and in their death. Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that table where your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The husband and wife still kneeling, the Priest adds this blessing:

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Peace

The Celebrant may say to the People:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The newly married couple then greet each other, after which greetings may be exchanged throughout the congregation.

When a Eucharist is not to follow, the wedding party leaves the church.

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung, or instrumental music may be played.

At the Eucharist

The liturgy continues with the Offertory, at which the newly married couple may present the offerings of bread and wine.

Preface of Marriage

At the Communion, it is appropriate that the newly married couple receive Communion first, after the ministers.

In place of the usual Postcommunion Prayer, the following is said:

O God, the giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious: We give you thanks for binding us together in these holy mysteries of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that by your Holy Spirit, *N.* and *N.*, now joined in Holy Matrimony, may become one in heart and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who love you; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

As the wedding party leaves the church, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung; or instrumental music may be played.

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

The death of a member of the Church should be reported as soon as possible to, and arrangements for the funeral should be made in consultation with, the Minister of the Congregation.

Baptized Catholics are properly buried from the church. The service should be held at a time when the congregation has opportunity to be present.

The coffin is to be closed before the service, and it remains closed thereafter. It is appropriate that it be covered with a pall or other suitable covering.

If necessary, or if desired, all or part of the service of Committal may be said in the church. If preferred, the Committal service may take place before the service in the church. It may also be used prior to cremation.

A priest normally presides at the service. It is appropriate that the bishop, when present, preside at the Eucharist and pronounce the Commendation.

When the services of a priest cannot be obtained, a deacon or lay reader may preside at the service.

At the burial of a child, the passages from Lamentations, 1 John, and John 6, together with Psalm 23, are recommended.

It is customary that the celebrant meet the body and go before it into the church or towards the grave.

The anthems at the beginning of the service are sung or said as the body is borne into the church, or during the entrance of the ministers, or by the celebrant standing in the accustomed place.

The Burial of the Dead
Rite One

All stand while one or more of the following anthems are sung or said.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For if we live, we live unto the Lord; and if we die, we die unto the Lord. Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

The Celebrant says one of the following Collects, first saying:

The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

At the Burial of an Adult

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant *N.*, and grant *him* an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

At the Burial of a Child

O God, whose beloved Son did take little children unto his arms and bless them: Give us grace, we beseech thee, to entrust this child *N.* to thy never-failing care and love, and bring us all to thy heavenly kingdom: through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The People sit.

One or more of the following passages from Holy Scripture is read. If there is a Funeral Mass, a lesson from the Gospel always concludes the Readings.

The Liturgy of the Word

From the Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6–9 (He will swallow up death in victory)
Isaiah 61:1–3 (To comfort all that mourn)
Lamentations 3:22–26, 31–33 (The Lord is good unto them that wait for him)
Wisdom 3:1–5, 9 (The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God)
Job 19:21–27a (I know that my Redeemer liveth)

After the Old Testament Lesson, a suitable canticle or one of the following Psalms may be sung or said:

Psalm 42 *Quemadmodum*

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, *
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night, *
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself; *
for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;

In the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
 among such as keep holy-day.

Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
 and why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God; *
 for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my
 countenance, and my God.

Psalm 46 *Deus noster refugium*

God is our hope and strength, *
 a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, *
 and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof rage and swell, *
 and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the
 same.

There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God, *
 the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.

God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed; *
 God shall help her, and that right early.

Be still then, and know that I am God; *
 I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted
 in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; *
 the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm 90 *Domine, refugium*

Lord, thou hast been our refuge *
 from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

or ever the earth and the world were made, *
 thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction; *
 again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday
  when it is past, *
 and as a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep, *
 and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and groweth up; *
 but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure; *
 we are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee, *
 and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For when thou art angry, all our days are gone; *
 we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten;
and though men be so strong, that they come to fourscore
  years; *
 yet is their strength then but labor and sorrow,
 so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

So teach us to number our days *
 that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

I lift up mine eyes to the hills; *
from whence cometh my help?

My help cometh even from the Lord, *
who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved *
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself is thy keeper; *
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand,

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, *
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; *
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 130 *De profundis*

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O LORD; *
Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well *
the voice of my complaint.

If thou, LORD, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee; *
therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the LORD; my soul doth wait for him; *
in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the LORD before the morning watch; *
I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the LORD,
for with the LORD there is mercy, *
and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel *
from all his sins.

Psalm 139 *Domine, probasti*

O LORD, thou hast searched me out, and known me. *
Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed, *
and art acquainted with all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, *
but thou, O LORD, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before *
and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; *
I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit? *
or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, thou art there; *
if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning, *
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall thy hand lead me *
and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me, *
then shall my night be turned to day.

Yea the darkness is no darkness with thee,

but the night is as clear as day; *
the darkness and the light to thee are both alike.

From the New Testament

Romans 8:14–19, 34–35, 37–39 (The glory that shall be revealed)
1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 35–38, 42–44, 53–58 (Raised in incorruption)
2 Corinthians 4:16—5:9 (Things which are not seen are eternal)
1 John 3:1–2 (We shall be like him)
Revelation 7:9–17 (God shall wipe away all tears)
Revelation 21:2–7 (Behold, I make all things new)

After the New Testament Lesson, a suitable canticle or hymn, or one of the following Psalms may be sung or said:

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

The Lord is my shepherd; *
therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, *
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul *
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness
for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them
that trouble me; *
thou hast anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23 *(King James Version)*

The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; *
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine
enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 27 *Dominus illuminatio*

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require, *
even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his
temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; *
yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me,
and set me up upon a rock of stone.

And now shall he lift up mine head *
above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great
gladness; *
I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee; *
have mercy upon me, and hear me.

My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face. *
Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

O hide not thou thy face from me, *
nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

I should utterly have fainted, *
but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

O tarry thou the Lord's leisure; be strong, and he shall comfort
thine heart; *
and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Psalm 106 *Confitemini Domino*

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, *
and his mercy endureth for ever.

Who can express the noble acts of the Lord, *
or show forth all his praise?

Blessed are they that alway keep judgment, *
and do righteousness.

Remember me, O Lord, according to the favor that thou bearest unto thy people; *
O visit me with thy salvation;

That I may see the felicity of thy chosen, *
and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance.

Psalm 116 *Dilexi, quoniam*

My delight is in the Lord, *
because he hath heard the voice of my prayer;

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, *
therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The snares of death compassed me round about; *
and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

I found trouble and heaviness;
then called I upon the Name of the Lord; *
O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; *
yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple; *
I was in misery, and he helped me.

Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul, *
for the Lord has rewarded thee.

And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, *
mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord *
in the land of the living.

I will pay my vows in the presence of all his people: *
right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon or Priest appointed reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

John 5:24–27 (He that believeth hath everlasting life)
John 6:37–40 (All that the Father giveth me shall come to me)
John 10:11–16 (I am the good shepherd)
John 11:21–27 (I am the resurrection and the life)
John 14:1–6 (In my Father's house are many mansions)

At the end of the Gospel, the Reader says:

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

A homily may be preached, the People being seated.

The Apostles' Creed may be said, all standing.

If there is no Funeral Mass, the Lord's Prayer is said here, and the service continues with the following prayer of intercession, or with one or more suitable prayers. (See Additional Prayers at a Burial, pp. 579–581.) When there is a Eucharist, the following serves for the Prayers of the People.

The People respond to every petition with Amen.

The Deacon or other leader says:

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace. *Amen.*

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. *Amen.*

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. *Amen.*

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. *Amen.*

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. *Amen.*

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. *Amen.*

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. *Amen.*

Grant us grace to entrust *N.* to thy never-failing love; receive *him* into the arms of thy mercy, and remember *him* according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. *Amen.*

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, *he* may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and with [blessed *N.* and] all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

When there is no Mass, the service continues with the Commendation, or with the Committal.

At the Eucharist

The service continues with the Peace and the Offertory.

Preface of the Commemoration of the Dead

In place of the usual Postcommunion Prayer, the following is said:

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

If the body is not present, the service continues with the (blessing and) dismissal.

Unless the Committal follows immediately in the church, the following Commendation is used.

The Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.

This anthem, or some other suitable anthem, or a hymn, may be sung or said.

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant(s) with thy saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so didst thou ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." All we go down to the dust; yet even in the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant(s) with thy saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The Celebrant, facing the body, says,

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant *N.* Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive *him* into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

The Celebrant, or the Bishop if present, may then bless the People, and a Deacon or other Minister may dismiss them, saying:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

As the body is borne from the church, a hymn, or one or more of these anthems, may be sung or said:

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in his Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you.

Into Paradise may the angels lead thee; and at thy coming may the martyrs receive thee, and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem.

Or one of these Canticles:

The Song of Zechariah, *Benedictus, pp. 118, 144*
The Song of Simeon, *Nunc dimittis, pp. 165, 176*
Christ our Passover, *Pascha nostrum, pp. 113, 136*

The Committal

The following anthem is sung or said:

In the midst of life we are in death;
of whom may we seek for succor,
but of thee, O Lord,
who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and merciful Savior,
thou most worthy Judge eternal.
Suffer us not, at our last hour,
through any pains of death, to fall from thee.

Or this:

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me;
and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.
He that raised up Jesus from the dead
will also give life to our mortal bodies,
by his Spirit that dwelleth in us.

Wherefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth;
my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Thou shalt show me the path of life;
in thy presence is the fullness of joy,
and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant says these words:

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our *brother N;* and we commit *his* body to the ground; * earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless *him* and keep *him,* the Lord make his face to shine upon *him* and be gracious unto *him,* the Lord lift up his countenance upon *him* and give *him* peace. *Amen.*

* *Or* the deep, *or* the elements, *or* its resting place.

The Celebrant says:

	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Then the Celebrant may say:

O Almighty God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, who by a voice from heaven didst proclaim, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: Multiply, we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be made perfect unto the day of Jesus Christ. And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, grant that we, who now serve thee on earth, may at last, together with

them, be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In place of this prayer, or in addition to it, the Celebrant may use any of the Additional Prayers (below).

Then may be said:

Rest eternal grant to *him*, O Lord:
And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May *his* soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Celebrant dismisses the People with these words:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Consecration of a Grave

If the grave is in a place that has not previously been set apart for Christian burial, the Priest may use the following prayer, either before the service of Committal or at some other convenient time.

O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a sepulcher in the garden: Bless, we pray, this grave, and grant that *he* whose body is (is to be) buried here may dwell with Christ in paradise, and may come to thy heavenly kingdom; through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Additional Prayers

Almighty and everlasting God, we yield unto thee most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been the choice vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their several generations; most humbly beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow the example of their steadfastness in thy faith, and obedience to thy

holy commandments, that at the day of the general resurrection, we, with all those who are of the mystical body of thy Son, may be set on his right hand, and hear that his most joyful voice: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Grant this, O Father, for the sake of the same thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: We give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech thee that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Into thy hands, O Lord, we commend thy servant *N.*, our dear *brother*, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Savior, beseeching thee that *he* may be precious in thy sight. Wash *him*, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that, whatsoever defilements *he* may have contracted in the midst of this earthly life being purged and done away, *he* may be presented pure and without spot before thee; through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead: We give thee thanks for all thy servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. Grant to them thy mercy and the light of thy presence; and give us such a lively sense of thy righteous will, that the work which thou hast begun in them may be perfected; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with thee our God; and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the King of saints, we praise and magnify thy holy Name for all thy servants who have finished their course in thy faith and fear; for the blessed Virgin Mary; for the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all other thy righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we beseech thee that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy passion, cross, and death, between thy judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living, pardon and rest to the dead, to thy holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of all comfort: Deal graciously, we pray thee, with all those who mourn, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Burial of the Dead
Rite Two

All stand while one or more of the following anthems are sung or said.

A hymn, psalm, or some other suitable anthem may be sung instead.

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

Or else this anthem:

In the midst of life we are in death;
from whom can we seek help?
From you alone, O Lord,
who by our sins are justly angered.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy and merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.

Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts;
shut not your ears to our prayers,
but spare us, O Lord.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy and merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.

O worthy and eternal Judge,
do not let the pains of death
turn us away from you at our last hour.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy and merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.

When all are in place, the Celebrant may address the congregation, acknowledging briefly the purpose of their gathering, and bidding their prayers for the deceased and the bereaved.

The Celebrant then says:

The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says one of the following Collects:

At the Burial of an Adult

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant *N.*, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant *N.*, and grant *him* an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother (sister) *N.* We thank you for giving *him* to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At the Burial of a Child

O God, whose beloved Son took children into his arms and blessed them: Give us grace to entrust *N.* to your never-failing care and love, and bring us all to your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Celebrant may add the following prayer:

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with *NN.* in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The People sit.

One or more of the following passages from Holy Scripture is read. If there is a Funeral Mass, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the Readings.

The Liturgy of the Word

From the Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6–9 (He will swallow up death for ever)
Isaiah 61:1–3 (To comfort those who mourn)
Lamentations 3:22–26, 31–33 (The Lord is good to those who wait for him)
Wisdom 3:1–5, 9 (The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God)
Job 19:21–27a (I know that my Redeemer lives)

A suitable psalm, hymn, or canticle may follow. The following Psalms are appropriate: 42:1–7, 46; 90:1–12, 121, 130; 139:1–11.

From the New Testament

Romans 8:14–19, 34–35, 37–39 (The glory that shall be revealed)
1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 35–38, 42–44, 53–58 (The imperishable body)
2 Corinthians 4:16—5:9 (Things that are unseen are eternal)
1 John 3:1–2 (We shall be like him)
Revelation 7:9–17 (God will wipe away every tear)
Revelation 21:2–7 (Behold, I make all things new)

A suitable psalm, hymn, or canticle may follow. The following Psalms are appropriate: 23, 27, 106:1–5, 116.

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon or Priest appointed reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 5:24–27 (He who believes has everlasting life)
John 6:37–40 (All that the Father gives me will come to me)
John 10:11–16 (I am the good shepherd)
John 11:21–27 (I am the resurrection and the life)
John 14:1–6 (In my Father's house are many rooms)

At the end of the Gospel, the Reader says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Here there may be a homily by the Celebrant, or other member of the clergy.

The Apostles' Creed may then be said, all standing. The Celebrant may introduce the Creed with these or similar words:

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

Celebrant and People:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

If there is no Funeral Mass, the Lord's Prayer is said here, and the service continues with the Prayers of the People, or with one or more suitable prayers. (See Additional Prayers at a Burial, pp. 579–581.)

When there is a Eucharist, the following form of the Prayers of the People is used, or else the form for the Prayers of the People set forth in the Burial of the Dead, Rite One.

For our brother (sister) *N.*, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for *N.*, and dry the tears of those who weep.
Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.
Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother (sister) eternal life.
Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother (sister) to the joys of heaven.
Hear us, Lord.

Our brother (sister) was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give *him* fellowship with all your saints.
Hear us, Lord.

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant *him* a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.
Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother (sister); let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant concludes with one of the following or some other prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother (sister) *N.*, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that *his* death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

Or this:

Father of all, we pray to you for *N.*, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May *his* soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

When there is no Funeral Mass, the service continues with the Commendation, or with the Committal.

At the Eucharist

The service continues with the Peace and the Offertory.

Preface of the Commemoration of the Dead

Preface 27.

In place of the usual Postcommunion Prayer, the following is said:

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

If the body is not present, the service continues with the (blessing and) dismissal.

Unless the Committal follows immediately in the church, the following Commendation is used.

The Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.

This anthem, or some other suitable anthem, or a hymn, may be sung or said:

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The Celebrant, facing the body, says:

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant *N.* Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive *him* into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

The Celebrant, or the Bishop if present, may then bless the People, and a Deacon or other Minister may dismiss them, saying:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

As the body is borne from the church, a hymn, or one or more of these anthems may be sung or said:

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death. The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in his Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you.

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.

Or one of these Canticles:

The Song of Zechariah, *Benedictus, pp. 111, 138*
The Song of Simeon, *Nunc dimittis, pp. 160, 171*
Christ our Passover, *Pascha nostrum, pp. 106, 129*

The Committal

The following anthem, or one of those permitted to be used at the time a body is being borne into the church, is sung or said:

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead
will also give new life to our mortal bodies
through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant says these words:

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our *brother N.*, and we commit *his* body to the ground; * earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless *him* and keep *him,* the Lord make his face to shine upon *him* and be gracious to *him,* the Lord lift up his countenance upon *him* and give *him* peace. *Amen.*

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thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. *Amen.*

Other prayers may be added.

Then may be said:

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May *his* soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Celebrant dismisses the People with these words:

	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
Celebrant	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People	Thanks be to God.

Or with the following:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Additional Prayers at a Burial

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we pray, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served you in our generation, we may be gathered to our ancestors, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a religious and holy hope, in favor with you, our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the King of saints, we praise and glorify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear: for the blessed Virgin Mary; for the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all your other righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. *Amen.*

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who is the Resurrection and the Life: Raise us, we humbly pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that when we depart this life we may rest in him, and at the resurrection receive that blessing which your well-beloved Son shall then pronounce:

"Come, you blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world." Grant this, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*
Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PSALTER
TRADITIONAL

The Psalter

or Psalms of David

BOOK I

The First Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 1. *Beatus vir qui non abiit.*

BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, * and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; * and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side, * that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

4 His leaf also shall not wither; * and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them; * but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment, * neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

7 But the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous; * and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 2. *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

WHY do the heathen so furiously rage together? * and why do the people imagine a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together * against the LORD, and against his Anointed:

3 Let us break their bonds asunder, * and cast away their cords from us.

4 He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn: * the LORD shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, * and vex them in his sore displeasure:

6 Yet have I set my King * upon my holy hill of Sion.

7 I will rehearse the decree; * the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

8 Desire of me, and I shall give thee the nations for thine inheritance, * and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

9 Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron, * and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings; * be instructed, ye that are judges of the earth.

11 Serve the LORD in fear, * and rejoice unto him with reverence.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and so ye perish from the right way, if his wrath be kindled, yea but a little. * Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Psalm 3. *Domine, quid multiplicati?*

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! * many are they that rise against me.

2 Many one there be that say of my soul, * There is no help for him in his God.

3 But thou, O LORD, art my defender; * thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head.

4 I did call upon the LORD with my voice, * and he heard me out of his holy hill.

5 I laid me down and slept, and rose up again; * for the LORD sustained me.

6 I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people, * that have set themselves against me round about.

7 Up, LORD, and help me, O my God, * for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

8 Salvation belongeth unto the LORD; * and thy blessing is upon thy people.

Psalm 4. *Cum invocarem.*

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: * thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour, * and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?

3 Know this also, that the LORD hath chosen to himself the man that is godly; * when I call upon the LORD he will hear me.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not; * commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, * and put your trust in the LORD.

6 There be many that say, * Who will show us any good?

7 LORD, lift thou up * the light of thy countenance upon us.

8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart; * yea, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; * for it is thou, LORD, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 5. *Verba mea auribus.*

PONDER my words, O LORD, * consider my meditation.
2 O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God: * for unto thee will I make my prayer.

3 My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O LORD; * early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

4 For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness; * neither shall any evil dwell with thee.

5 Such as be foolish shall not stand in thy sight; * for thou hatest all them that work iniquity.

6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak lies: * the LORD will abhor both the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.

7 But as for me, in the multitude of thy mercy I will come into thine house; * and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies; * make thy way plain before my face.

9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; * their inward

parts are very wickedness.

10 Their throat is an open sepulchre; * they flatter with their tongue.

11 Destroy thou them, O God; let them perish through their own imaginations; * cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness; for they have rebelled against thee.

12 And let all them that put their trust in thee rejoice: * they shall ever be giving of thanks, because thou defendest them; they that love thy Name shall be joyful in thee;

13 For thou, LORD, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous, * and with thy favourable kindness wilt thou defend him as with a shield.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 6. *Domine, ne in furore.*

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine indignation, * neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am weak; * O LORD, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul also is sore troubled: * but, LORD, how long wilt thou punish me?

4 Turn thee, O LORD, and deliver my soul; * O save me, for thy mercy's sake.

5 For in death no man remembereth thee; * and who will give thee thanks in the pit?

6 I am weary of my groaning; * every night wash I my bed, and water my couch with my tears.

7 My beauty is gone for very trouble, * and worn away because of all mine enemies.

8 Away from me, all ye that work iniquity; * for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The LORD hath heard my petition; * the LORD will receive my prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed; * they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

Psalm 7. *Domine, Deus meus.*

O LORD my God, in thee have I put my trust: * save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me;

2 Lest he devour my soul like a lion, and tear it in pieces, * while there is none to help.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done any such thing; * or if there be any wickedness in my hands;

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that dealt friendly with me; * (yea, I have delivered him that without any cause is mine enemy;)

5 Then let mine enemy persecute my soul, and take me; * yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust.

6 Stand up, O LORD, in thy wrath, and lift up thyself, because of the indignation of mine enemies; * arise up for me in the judgment that thou hast commanded.

7 And so shall the congregation of the peoples come about thee: * for their sakes therefore lift up thyself again.

8 The LORD shall judge the peoples: give sentence with me, O LORD, * according to my righteousness, and according to the innocency that is in me.

9 O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end; * but guide thou the just.

10 For the righteous God * trieth the very hearts and reins.

11 My help cometh of God, * who preserveth them that are true of heart.

12 God is a righteous Judge, strong, and patient; * and God is provoked every day.

13 If a man will not turn, he will whet his sword; * he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

14 He hath prepared for him the instruments of death; * he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

15 Behold, the ungodly travaileth with iniquity; * he hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

16 He hath graven and digged up a pit, * and is fallen himself into the destruction that he made for other.

17 For his travail shall come upon his own head, * and his wickedness shall fall on his own pate.

18 I will give thanks unto the Lord, according to his righteousness; * and I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

Psalm 8. *Domine, Dominus noster.*

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world; * thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies, * that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy fingers; * the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? * and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 Thou madest him lower than the angels, * to crown him with glory and worship.

6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands; * and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet:

7 All sheep and oxen; * yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea; * and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

9 O Lord our Governor, * how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

The Second Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 9. *Confitebor tibi.*

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; * I will speak of all thy marvellous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee; * yea, my songs will I make of thy Name, O thou Most Highest.

3 While mine enemies are driven back, * they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; * thou art set in the throne that judgest right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, and destroyed the ungodly; * thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

6 O thou enemy, thy destructions are come to a perpetual end; * even as the cities which thou hast destroyed, whose memorial is perished with them.

7 But the Lord shall endure for ever; * he hath also prepared his seat for judgment.

8 For he shall judge the world in righteousness, * and minister true judgment unto the people.

9 The Lord also will be a defence for the oppressed, * even a refuge in due time of trouble.

10 And they that know thy Name will put their trust in thee; * for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee.

11 O praise the Lord which dwelleth in Sion; * show the people of his doings.

12 For when he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them, * and forgetteth not the complaint of the poor.

13 Have mercy upon me, O Lord; consider the trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, * thou that liftest me up from the gates of death;

14 That I may show all thy praises within the gates of the daughter of Sion: * I will rejoice in thy salvation.

15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made; * in the same net which they hid privily is their foot taken.

16 The Lord is known to execute judgment; * the ungodly is trapped in the work of his own hands.

17 The wicked shall be turned to destruction, * and all the people that forget God.

18 For the poor shall not alway be forgotten; * the patient abiding of the meek shall not perish for ever.

19 Up, Lord, and let not man have the upper hand; * let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O Lord, * that the heathen may know themselves to be but men.

Psalm 10. *Ut quid, Domine?*

WHY standest thou so far off, O Lord, * and hidest thy face in the needful time of trouble?

2 The ungodly, for his own lust, doth persecute the poor: * let them be taken in the crafty wiliness that they have imagined.

3 For the ungodly hath made boast of his own heart's desire, * and speaketh good of the covetous, whom the Lord abhorreth.

4 The ungodly is so proud, that he careth not for God, * neither is God in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are alway grievous; * thy judgments are far above out of his sight, and therefore defieth he all his enemies.

6 For he hath said in his heart, Tush, I shall never be cast down, * there shall no harm happen unto me.

7 His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and fraud; * under his tongue is ungodliness and vanity.

8 He sitteth lurking in the thievish corners of the streets, * and privily in his lurking dens doth he murder the innocent; his eyes are set against the poor.

9 For he lieth waiting secretly; even as a lion lurketh he in his den, * that he may ravish the poor.

10 He doth ravish the poor, * when he getteth him into his net.

11 He falleth down, and humbleth himself, * that the congregation of the poor may fall into the hands of his captains.

12 He hath said in his heart, Tush, God hath forgotten; * he hideth away his face, and he will never see it.

13 Arise, O Lord God, and lift up thine hand; * forget not the poor.

14 Wherefore should the wicked blaspheme God, * while he doth say in his heart, Tush, thou God carest not for it?

15 Surely thou hast seen it; * for thou beholdest ungodliness and wrong, that thou mayest take the matter into thy hand.

16 The poor committeth himself unto thee; * for thou art the helper of the friendless.

17 Break thou the power of the ungodly and malicious; * search out his ungodliness, until thou find none.

18 The LORD is King for ever and ever, * and the heathen are perished out of the land.

19 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the poor; * thou preparest their heart, and thine ear hearkeneth;

20 To help the fatherless and poor unto their right, * that the man of the earth be no more exalted against them.

Psalm 11. *In Domino confido.*

IN the LORD put I my trust; * how say ye then to my soul, that she should flee as a bird unto the hill?

2 For lo, the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrows within the quiver, * that they may privily shoot at them which are true of heart.

3 If the foundations be destroyed, * what can the righteous do?

4 The LORD is in his holy temple; * the LORD's seat is in heaven.

5 His eyes consider the poor, * and his eyelids try the children of men.

6 The LORD approveth the righteous: * but the ungodly, and him that delighteth in wickedness, doth his soul abhor.

7 Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest: * this shall be their portion to drink.

8 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; * his countenance will behold the thing that is just.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 12. *Salvum me fac.*

HELP me, LORD, for there is not one godly man left; * for the faithful are minished from among the children of men.

2 They talk of vanity every one with his neighbour; * they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble in their double heart.

3 The LORD shall root out all deceitful lips, * and the tongue that speaketh proud things;

4 Which have said, With our tongue will we prevail; * we are they that ought to speak; who is lord over us?

5 Now, for the comfortless troubles' sake of the needy, * and because of the deep sighing of the poor,

6 I will up, saith the LORD; * and will help every one from him that swelleth against him, and will set him at rest.

7 The words of the LORD are pure words; * even as the silver which from the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire.

8 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD; * thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

9 The ungodly walk on every side: * when they are exalted, the children of men are put to rebuke.

Psalm 13. *Usquequo, Domine?*

HOW long wilt thou forget me, O LORD; for ever? * how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

2 How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart? * how long shall mine enemy triumph over me?

3 Consider, and hear me, O LORD my God; * lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death;

4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him: * for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.

5 But my trust is in thy mercy, * and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

6 I will sing of the LORD, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me; * yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord Most Highest.

Psalm 14. *Dixit insipiens.*

THE fool hath said in his heart, * There is no God.

2 They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings; * there is none that doeth good, no not one.

3 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, * to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.

4 But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable; * there is none that doeth good, no not one.

5 Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief, * eating up my people as it were bread, and call not upon the Lord ?

6 There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was; * for God is in the generation of the righteous.

7 As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor; * because he putteth his trust in the Lord.

8 Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Sion? * When the Lord turneth the captivity of his people, then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

The Third Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 15. *Domine, quis habitabit?*

LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle? * or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

2 Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life, * and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour, * and hath not slandered his neighbour.

4 He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes, * and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

5 He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not, * though it were to his own hindrance.

6 He that hath not given his money upon usury, * nor taken reward against the innocent.

7 Whoso doeth these things * shall never fall.

Psalm 16. *Conserva me, Domine.*

PRESERVE me, O God; * for in thee have I put my trust.

2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, * Thou art my God; I have no good like unto thee.

3 All my delight is upon the saints that are in the earth, * and upon such as excel in virtue.

4 But they that run after another god * shall have great trouble.

5 Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer, * neither make mention of their names within my lips.

6 The LORD himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup; * thou shalt maintain my lot.

7 The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground; * yea, I have a goodly heritage.

8 I will thank the LORD for giving me warning; * my reins also chasten me in the night season.

9 I have set the LORD alway before me; * for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

10 Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: * my flesh also shall rest in hope.

11 For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell; * neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

12 Thou shalt show me the path of life: in thy presence is the fulness of joy, * and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Psalm 17. *Exaudi, Domine.*

HEAR the right, O LORD, consider my complaint, * and hearken unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; * and let thine eyes look upon the thing that is equal.

3 Thou hast proved and visited mine heart in the night season; thou hast tried me, and shalt find no wickedness in me; * for I am utterly purposed that my mouth shall not offend.

4 As for the works of men, * by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the ways of the destroyer.

5 O hold thou up my goings in thy paths, * that my footsteps slip not.

6 I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me: * incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words.

7 Show thy marvellous loving-kindness, thou that art the Saviour of them which put their trust in thee, * from such as resist thy right hand.

8 Keep me as the apple of an eye; * hide me under the shadow
of thy wings,
9 From the ungodly, that trouble me; * mine enemies com-
pass me round about, to take away my soul.
10 They are inclosed in their own fat, * and their mouth
speaketh proud things.
11 They lie waiting in our way on every side, * watching to cast
us down to the ground;
12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, * and as it were a
lion's whelp lurking in secret places.
13 Up, LORD, disappoint him, and cast him down; * deliver my
soul from the ungodly, by thine own sword;
14 Yea, by thy hand, O LORD; from the men of the evil world; *
which have their portion in this life, whose bellies thou fillest with
thy hid treasure.
15 They have children at their desire, * and leave the rest of
their substance for their babes.
16 But as for me, I shall behold thy presence in righteousness; *
and when I awake up after thy likeness, I shall be satisfied.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 18. *Diligam te, Domine.*

I WILL love thee, O LORD, my strength. * The LORD is my stony
rock, and my defence;
2 My Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust; *
my buckler, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.
3 I will call upon the LORD, which is worthy to be praised; * so
shall I be safe from mine enemies.
4 The sorrows of death compassed me, * and the overflowings
of ungodliness made me afraid.
5 The pains of hell came about me; * the snares of death
overtook me.
6 In my trouble I called upon the LORD, * and complained
unto my God:
7 So he heard my voice out of his holy temple, * and my
complaint came before him; it entered even into his ears.

8 The earth trembled and quaked, * the very foundations also of the hills shook, and were removed, because he was wroth.

9 There went a smoke out in his presence, * and a consuming fire out of his mouth, so that coals were kindled at it.

10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down, * and it was dark under his feet.

11 He rode upon the Cherubim, and did fly; * he came flying upon the wings of the wind.

12 He made darkness his secret place, * his pavilion round about him with dark water, and thick clouds to cover him.

13 At the brightness of his presence his clouds removed; * hailstones and coals of fire.

14 The LORD also thundered out of heaven, and the Highest gave his thunder; * hailstones and coals of fire.

15 He sent out his arrows, and scattered them; * he cast forth lightnings, and destroyed them.

16 The springs of waters were seen, and the foundations of the round world were discovered, * at thy chiding, O LORD, at the blasting of the breath of thy displeasure.

17 He sent down from on high to fetch me, * and took me out of many waters.

18 He delivered me from my strongest enemy, and from them which hate me; * for they were too mighty for me.

19 They came upon me in the day of my trouble; * but the LORD was my upholder.

20 He brought me forth also into a place of liberty; * he brought me forth, even because he had a favour unto me.

21 The LORD rewarded me after my righteous dealing, * according to the cleanness of my hands did he recompense me.

22 Because I have kept the ways of the LORD, * and have not forsaken my God, as the wicked doth.

23 For I have an eye unto all his laws, * and will not cast out his commandments from me.

24 I was also uncorrupt before him, * and eschewed mine own wickedness.

25 Therefore the LORD rewarded me after my righteous deal-

ing, * and according unto the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

26 With the holy thou shalt be holy, * and with a perfect man thou shalt be perfect.

27 With the clean thou shalt be clean, * and with the froward thou shalt be froward.

28 For thou shalt save the people that are in adversity, * and shalt bring down the high looks of the proud.

29 Thou also shalt light my candle; * the LORD my God shall make my darkness to be light.

30 For in thee I shall discomfit an host of men, * and with the help of my God I shall leap over the wall.

31 The way of God is an undefiled way: * the word of the LORD also is tried in the fire; he is the defender of all them that put their trust in him.

32 For who is God, but the LORD? * or who hath any strength, except our God?

33 It is God that girdeth me with strength of war, * and maketh my way perfect.

34 He maketh my feet like harts' feet, * and setteth me up on high.

35 He teacheth mine hands to fight, * and mine arms shall bend even a bow of steel.

36 Thou hast given me the defence of thy salvation; * thy right hand also shall hold me up, and thy loving correction shall make me great.

37 Thou shalt make room enough under me for to go, * that my footsteps shall not slide.

38 I will follow upon mine enemies, and overtake them; * neither will I turn again till I have destroyed them.

39 I will smite them, that they shall not be able to stand, * but fall under my feet.

40 Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle; * thou shalt throw down mine enemies under me.

41 Thou hast made mine enemies also to turn their backs upon me, * and I shall destroy them that hate me.

42 They shall cry, but there shall be none to help them; * yea, even unto the LORD shall they cry, but he shall not hear them.

43 I will beat them as small as the dust before the wind: * I will cast them out as the clay in the streets.

44 Thou shalt deliver me from the strivings of the people, * and thou shalt make me the head of the nations; a people whom I have not known shall serve me.

45 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me; * the strangers shall feign obedience unto me.

46 The strangers shall fail, * and come trembling out of their strongholds.

47 The LORD liveth; and blessed be my strong helper, * and praised be the God of my salvation;

48 Even the God that seeth that I be avenged, * and subdueth the people unto me.

49 It is he that delivereth me from my cruel enemies, and setteth me up above mine adversaries: * thou shalt rid me from the wicked man.

50 For this cause will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the Gentiles, * and sing praises unto thy Name.

51 Great prosperity giveth he unto his King, * and showeth loving-kindness unto David his anointed, and unto his seed for evermore.

THE FOURTH DAY

Morning Prayer

Psalm 19. *Caeli enarrant.*

THE heavens declare the glory of God; * and the firmament showeth his handy-work.

2 One day telleth another; * and one night certifieth another.

3 There is neither speech nor language; * but their voices are heard among them.

4 Their sound is gone out into all lands; * and their words into the ends of the world.

5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun; * which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again; * and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The law of the LORD is an undefiled law, converting the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

8 The statutes of the LORD are right, and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean, and endureth for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; * sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught; * and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth? * O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me; * so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight, * O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalm 20. *Exaudiat te Dominus.*

THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; * the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee:

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, * and strengthen thee out of Sion:

3 Remember all thy offerings, * and accept thy burnt sacrifice:

4 Grant thee thy heart's desire, * and fulfil all thy mind.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God: * the LORD perform all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the LORD helpeth his anointed, and will hear him from his holy heaven, * even with the wholesome strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses; * but we will remember the Name of the LORD our God.

8 They are brought down and fallen; * but we are risen and stand upright.

9 Save, LORD; and hear us, O King of heaven, * when we call upon thee.

Psalm 21. *Domine, in virtute tua.*

THE King shall rejoice in thy strength, O LORD; * exceeding glad shall he be of thy salvation.

2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire, * and hast not denied him the request of his lips.

3 For thou shalt meet him with the blessings of goodness, * and shalt set a crown of pure gold upon his head.

4 He asked life of thee; and thou gavest him a long life, * even for ever and ever.

5 His honour is great in thy salvation; * glory and great worship shalt thou lay upon him.

6 For thou shalt give him everlasting felicity, * and make him glad with the joy of thy countenance.

7 And why? because the King putteth his trust in the LORD; * and in the mercy of the Most Highest he shall not miscarry.

8 All thine enemies shall feel thine hand; * thy right hand shall find out them that hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them like a fiery oven in time of thy wrath: * the LORD shall destroy them in his displeasure, and the fire shall consume them.

10 Their fruit shalt thou root out of the earth, * and their seed from among the children of men.

11 For they intended mischief against thee, * and imagined such a device as they are not able to perform.

12 Therefore shalt thou put them to flight, * and the strings of thy bow shalt thou make ready against the face of them.

13 Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength; * so will we sing, and praise thy power.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 22. *Deus, Deus meus.*

MY God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me? * and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not; * and in the night season also I take no rest.

3 And thou continuest holy, * O thou Worship of Israel.

4 Our fathers hoped in thee; * they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They called upon thee, and were holpen; * they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

6 But as for me, I am a worm, and no man; * a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn; * they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

8 He trusted in the Lord, that he would deliver him; * let him deliver him, if he will have him.

9 But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb; * thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

10 I have been left unto thee ever since I was born; * thou art my God even from my mother's womb.

11 O go not from me; for trouble is hard at hand, * and there is none to help me.

12 Many oxen are come about me; * fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

13 They gape upon me with their mouths, * as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; * my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums, * and thou bringest me into the dust of death.

16 For many dogs are come about me, * and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

17 They pierced my hands and my feet: I may tell all my bones: * they stand staring and looking upon me.

18 They part my garments among them, * and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD; * thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword, * my darling from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth; * thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

22 I will declare thy Name unto my brethren; * in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23 O praise the LORD, ye that fear him: * magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob; and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor; * he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto him he heard him.

25 My praise is of thee in the great congregation; * my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

26 The poor shall eat, and be satisfied; they that seek after the LORD shall praise him: * your heart shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the LORD; * and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

28 For the kingdom is the LORD's, * and he is the Governor among the nations.

29 All such as be fat upon earth * have eaten, and worshipped.

30 All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him; * and no man hath quickened his own soul.

31 My seed shall serve him: * they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

32 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness * unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

Psalm 23. *Dominus regit me.*

THE LORD is my shepherd; * therefore can I lack nothing.
2 He shall feed me in a green pasture, * and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul, * and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; * for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; * thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE FIFTH DAY

Morning Prayer

Psalm 24. *Domini est terra.*

THE earth is the LORD's, and all that therein is; * the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, * and stablished it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? * or who shall rise up in his holy place?

4 Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; * and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, * and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him; * even of them that seek thy face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory? * It is the LORD strong and mighty, even the LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? * Even the LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Psalm 25. *Ad te, Domine, levavi.*

UNTO thee, O LORD, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee: * O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed; * but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

3 Show me thy ways, O LORD, * and teach me thy paths.

4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me: * for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

5 Call to remembrance, O LORD, thy tender mercies, * and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; * but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O LORD, for thy goodness.

7 Gracious and righteous is the LORD; * therefore, will he teach sinners in the way.

8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgment; * and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

9 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, * unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

10 For thy Name's sake, O LORD, * be merciful unto my sin; for it is great.

11 What man is he that feareth the LORD? * him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

12 His soul shall dwell at ease, * and his seed shall inherit the land.

13 The secret of the LORD is among them that fear him; * and he will show them his covenant.

14 Mine eyes are ever looking unto the LORD; * for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

15 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; * for I am desolate, and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart are enlarged: * O bring thou me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon my adversity and misery, * and forgive me all my sin.

18 Consider mine enemies, how many they are; * and they bear a tyrannous hate against me.

19 O keep my soul, and deliver me: * let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.

20 Let perfectness and righteous dealing wait upon me; * for my hope hath been in thee.

21 Deliver Israel, O God, * out of all his troubles.

Psalm 26. *Judica me, Domine.*

BE thou my Judge, O LORD, for I have walked innocently: * my trust hath been also in the LORD, therefore shall I not fall.

2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; * try out my reins and my heart.

3 For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes; * and I will walk in thy truth.

4 I have not dwelt with vain persons; * neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the congregation of the wicked; * and will not sit among the ungodly.

6 I will wash my hands in innocency, O LORD; * and so will I go to thine altar;

7 That I may show the voice of thanksgiving, * and tell of all thy wondrous works.

8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, * and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

9 O shut not up my soul with the sinners, * nor my life with the blood-thirsty;

10 In whose hands is wickedness, * and their right hand is full of gifts.

11 But as for me, I will walk innocently: * O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.

12 My foot standeth right: * I will praise the LORD in the congregations.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 27. *Dominus illuminatio.*

THE LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, * they stumbled and fell.

3 Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; * and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, which I will require; * even that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the LORD, and to visit his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; * yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

6 And now shall he lift up mine head * above mine enemies round about me.

7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation, with great gladness: * I will sing and speak praises unto the LORD.

8 Hearken unto my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto thee; * have mercy upon me, and hear me.

9 My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face: * Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

10 O hide not thou thy face from me, * nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

11 Thou hast been my succour; * leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

12 When my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD taketh me up.

13 Teach me thy way, O LORD, * and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

14 Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries: * for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.

15 I should utterly have fainted, * but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

16 O tarry thou the LORD's leisure; * be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the LORD.

Psalm 28. *Ad te, Domine.*

UNTO thee will I cry, O LORD, my strength: * think no scorn of me; lest, if thou make as though thou hearest not, I become like them that go down into the pit.

2 Hear the voice of my humble petitions, when I cry unto thee; * when I hold up my hands towards the mercy-seat of thy holy temple.

3 O pluck me not away, neither destroy me with the ungodly and wicked doers, * which speak friendly to their neighbours, but imagine mischief in their hearts.

4 Reward them according to their deeds, * and according to the wickedness of their own inventions.

5 Recompense them after the work of their hands; * pay them that they have deserved.

6 For they regard not in their mind the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands; * therefore shall he break them down, and not build them up.

7 Praised be the LORD; * for he hath heard the voice of my humble petitions.

8 The LORD is my strength, and my shield; my heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped; * therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him.

9 The LORD is my strength, * and he is the wholesome defence of his anointed.

10 O save thy people, and give thy blessing unto thine inheritance: * feed them, and set them up for ever.

Psalm 29. *Afferte Domino.*

ASCRIBE unto the LORD, O ye mighty, * ascribe unto the LORD worship and strength.

2 Ascribe unto the LORD the honour due unto his Name; * worship the LORD with holy worship.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; * it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.

4 It is the LORD that ruleth the sea; the voice of the LORD is mighty in operation; * the voice of the LORD is a glorious voice.

5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedar-trees; * yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; * Lebanon also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

7 The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; * yea, the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and strippeth bare the forests: * in his temple doth every thing speak of his honour.

9 The LORD sitteth above the water-flood, * and the LORD remaineth a King for ever.

10 The LORD shall give strength unto his people; * the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE SIXTH DAY

Morning Prayer

Psalm 30. *Exaltabo te, Domine.*

I WILL magnify thee, O LORD; for thou hast set me up, * and not made my foes to triumph over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee; * and thou hast healed me.

3 Thou, LORD, hast brought my soul out of hell: * thou hast kept my life, that I should not go down into the pit.

4 Sing praises unto the LORD, O ye saints of his; * and give thanks unto him, for a remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life; * heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed: * thou, LORD, of thy goodness, hast made my hill so strong.

7 Thou didst turn thy face from me, * and I was troubled.

8 Then cried I unto thee, O LORD; * and gat me to my LORD right humbly.

9 What profit is there in my blood, * when I go down into the pit?

10 Shall the dust give thanks unto thee? * or shall it declare thy truth?

11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; * LORD, be thou my helper.

12 Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy; * thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness:

13 Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing. * O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Psalm 31. *In te, Domine, speravi.*

IN thee, O LORD, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion; * deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.

3 And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence, * that thou mayest save me.

4 For thou art my strong rock, and my castle: * be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

5 Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me; * for thou art my strength.

6 Into thy hands I commend my spirit; * for thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, thou God of truth.

7 I have hated them that hold of lying vanities, * and my trust hath been in the LORD.

8 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy; * for thou hast considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in adversities.

9 Thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; * but hast set my feet in a large room.

10 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble, * and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.

11 For my life is waxen old with heaviness, * and my years with mourning.

12 My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity, * and my bones are consumed.

13 I became a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours; * and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me; and they that did see me without, conveyed themselves from me.

14 I am clean forgotten as a dead man out of mind; * I am become like a broken vessel.

15 For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude, and fear is on every side; * while they conspire together against me, and take their counsel to take away my life.

16 But my hope hath been in thee, O LORD; * I have said, Thou art my God.

17 My times are in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, * and from them that persecute me.

18 Show thy servant the light of thy countenance, * and save me for thy mercy's sake.

19 Let me not be confounded, O LORD, for I have called upon thee; * let the ungodly be put to confusion, and be put to silence in the grave.

20 Let the lying lips be put to silence, * which cruelly, disdainfully, and despitefully speak against the righteous.

21 O how plentiful is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee, * and that thou hast prepared for them that put their trust in thee, even before the sons of men!

22 Thou shalt hide them in the covert of thine own presence from the plottings of men: * thou shalt keep them secretly in thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues.

23 Thanks be to the LORD; * for he hath showed me marvellous great kindness in a strong city.

24 But in my haste I said, * I am cast out of the sight of thine eyes.

25 Nevertheless, thou heardest the voice of my prayer, * when I cried unto thee.

26 O love the LORD, all ye his saints; * for the LORD preserveth them that are faithful, and plenteously rewardeth the proud doer.

27 Be strong, and he shall establish your heart, * all ye that put your trust in the LORD.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 32. *Beati quorum.*

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven, * and whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth no sin, * and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 For whilst I held my tongue, * my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

4 For thy hand was heavy upon me day and night, * and my moisture was like the drought in summer.

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee; * and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

6 I said, I will confess my sins unto the LORD; * and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found; * surely the great water-floods shall not come nigh him.

8 Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; * thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

9 I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go; * and I will guide thee with mine eye.

10 Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding; * whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, else they will not obey thee.

11 Great plagues remain for the ungodly; * but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD, mercy embraceth him on every side.

12 Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; * and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

Psalm 33. *Exultate, justi.*

REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous; * for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

2 Praise the LORD with harp; * sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto the Lord a new song; * sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

4 For the word of the LORD is true; * and all his works are faithful.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment; * the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; * and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap; * and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: * stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

9 For he spake, and it was done; * he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought, * and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.

11 The counsel of the LORD shall endure for ever, * and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

12 Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord JEHOVAH; * and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen to him, to be his inheritance.

13 The LORD looketh down from heaven, and beholdeth all the

children of men; * from the habitation of his dwelling, he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.

14 He fashioneth all the hearts of them, * and understandeth all their works.

15 There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host; * neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

16 A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man; * neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.

17 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, * and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;

18 To deliver their soul from death, * and to feed them in the time of dearth.

19 Our soul hath patiently tarried for the LORD; * for he is our help and our shield.

20 For our heart shall rejoice in him; * because we have hoped in his holy Name.

21 Let thy merciful kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * like as we do put our trust in thee.

Psalm 34. *Benedicam Dominum.*

I WILL alway give thanks unto the LORD ; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD; * the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 O praise the LORD with me, * and let us magnify his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me; * yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

5 They had an eye unto him, and were lightened; * and their faces were not ashamed.

6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the LORD heareth him; * yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD tarrieth round about them that fear him, * and delivereth them.

8 O taste, and see, how gracious the LORD is: * blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

9 O fear the LORD, ye that are his saints; * for they that fear him lack nothing.

10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; * but they who seek the LORD shall want no manner of thing that is good.

11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me; * I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 What man is he that lusteth to live, * and would fain see good days?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil, * and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

14 Eschew evil, and do good; * seek peace, and ensue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are over the righteous, * and his ears are open unto their prayers.

16 The countenance of the LORD is against them that do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth them, * and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, * and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

19 Great are the troubles of the righteous; * but the LORD delivereth him out of all.

20 He keepeth all his bones, * so that not one of them is broken.

21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly; * and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The LORD delivereth the souls of his servants; * and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

The Seventh Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 35. *Judica, Domine.*

PLEAD thou my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me, * and fight thou against them that fight against me.

2 Lay hand upon the shield and buckler, * and stand up to help me.

3 Bring forth the spear, and stop the way against them that pursue me: * say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

4 Let them be confounded, and put to shame, that seek after my soul; * let them be turned back, and brought to confusion, that imagine mischief for me.

5 Let them be as the dust before the wind, * and the angel of the LORD scattering them.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, * and let the angel of the LORD pursue them.

7 For they have privily laid their net to destroy me without a cause; * yea, even without a cause have they made a pit for my soul.

8 Let a sudden destruction come upon him unawares, and his net that he hath laid privily catch himself; * that he may fall into his own mischief.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD; * it shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto thee, who deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him; * yea, the poor, and him that is in misery, from him that spoileth him?

11 False witnesses did rise up: * they laid to my charge things that I knew not.

12 They rewarded me evil for good, * to the great discomfort of my soul.

13 Nevertheless, when they were sick, I put on sackcloth, and humbled my soul with fasting; * and my prayer shall turn into mine own bosom.

14 I behaved myself as though it had been my friend or my brother; * I went heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together; * yea, the very abjects came together against me unawares, making mouths at me, and ceased not.

16 With the flatterers were busy mockers, * who gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou look upon this? * O deliver my soul from the calamities which they bring on me, and my darling from the lions.

18 So will I give thee thanks in the great congregation; * I will praise thee among much people.

19 O let not them that are mine enemies triumph over me ungodly; * neither let them wink with their eyes, that hate me without a cause.

20 And why? their communing is not for peace; * but they imagine deceitful words against them that are quiet in the land.

21 They gaped upon me with their mouths, and said, * Fie on thee! fie on thee! we saw it with our eyes.

22 This thou hast seen, O LORD; * hold not thy tongue then; go not far from me, O Lord.

23 Awake, and stand up to judge my quarrel; * avenge thou my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; * and let them not triumph over me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, There! there! so would we have it; * neither let them say, We have devoured him.

26 Let them be put to confusion and shame together, that rejoice at my trouble; * let them be clothed with rebuke and dishonour, that boast themselves against me.

27 Let them be glad and rejoice, that favour my righteous dealing; * yea, let them say alway, Blessed be the LORD, who hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

28 And as for my tongue, it shall be talking of thy righteousness, * and of thy praise, all the day long.

Psalm 36. *Dixit injustus.*

MY heart showeth me the wickedness of the ungodly, * that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 For he flattereth himself in his own sight, * until his abominable sin be found out.

3 The words of his mouth are unrighteous and full of deceit: * he hath left off to behave himself wisely, and to do good.

4 He imagineth mischief upon his bed, and hath set himself in no good way; * neither doth he abhor any thing that is evil.

5 Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens, * and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains: * thy judgments are like the great deep.

7 Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast: how excellent is thy mercy, O God! * and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house; * and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.

9 For with thee is the well of life; * and in thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee, * and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

11 O let not the foot of pride come against me; * and let not the hand of the ungodly cast me down.

12 There are they fallen, all that work wickedness; * they are cast down, and shall not be able to stand.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 37. *Noli aemulari.*

FRET not thyself because of the ungodly; * neither be thou envious against the evil doers.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, * and be withered even as the green herb.

3 Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good; * dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thou in the Lord, * and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.

5 Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him, * and he shall bring it to pass.

6 He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light, * and thy just dealing as the noon-day.

7 Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him: * but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.

8 Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure: * fret not thy-
self, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.
9 Wicked doers shall be rooted out; * and they that patiently
abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.
10 Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone: * thou
shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.
11 But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth, * and shall be
refreshed in the multitude of peace.
12 The ungodly seeketh counsel against the just, * and gnasheth
upon him with his teeth.
13 The Lord shall laugh him to scorn; * for he hath seen that
his day is coming.
14 The ungodly have drawn out the sword, and have bent their
bow, * to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be
upright in their ways.
15 Their sword shall go through their own heart, * and their
bow shall be broken.
16 A small thing that the righteous hath, * is better than great
riches of the ungodly.
17 For the arms of the ungodly shall be broken, * and the Lord
upholdeth the righteous.
18 The Lord knoweth the days of the godly; * and their inher-
itance shall endure for ever.
19 They shall not be confounded in the perilous time; * and in
the days of dearth they shall have enough.
20 As for the ungodly, they shall perish, and the enemies of the
Lord shall consume as the fat of lambs: * yea, even as the smoke
shall they consume away.
21 The ungodly borroweth, and payeth not again; * but the
righteous is merciful and liberal.
22 Such as are blessed of God, shall possess the land; * and
they that are cursed of him, shall be rooted out.
23 The Lord ordereth a good man's going, * and maketh his
way acceptable to himself.
24 Though he fall, he shall not be cast away; * for the Lord
upholdeth him with his hand.

25 I have been young, and now am old; * and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging their bread.

26 The righteous is ever merciful, and lendeth; * and his seed is blessed.

27 Flee from evil, and do the thing that is good; * and dwell for evermore.

28 For the LORD loveth the thing that is right; * he forsaketh not his that be godly, but they are preserved for ever.

29 The unrighteous shall be punished; * as for the seed of the ungodly, it shall be rooted out.

30 The righteous shall inherit the land, * and dwell therein for ever.

31 The mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom, * and his tongue will be talking of judgment.

32 The law of his God is in his heart, * and his goings shall not slide.

33 The ungodly watcheth the righteous, * and seeketh occasion to slay him.

34 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, * nor condemn him when he is judged.

35 Hope thou in the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall promote thee, that thou shalt possess the land: * when the ungodly shall perish, thou shalt see it.

36 I myself have seen the ungodly in great power, * and flourishing like a green bay-tree.

37 I went by, and lo, he was gone: * I sought him, but his place could no where be found.

38 Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right; * for that shall bring a man peace at the last.

39 As for the transgressors, they shall perish together; * and the end of the ungodly is, they shall be rooted out at the last.

40 But the salvation of the righteous cometh of the LORD; * who is also their strength in the time of trouble.

41 And the LORD shall stand by them, and save them: * he shall deliver them from the ungodly, and shall save them, because they put their trust in him.

The Eighth Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 38. *Domine, ne in furore.*

PUT me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger; * neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure:

2 For thine arrows stick fast in me, * and thy hand presseth me sore.

3 There is no health in my flesh, because of thy displeasure; * neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.

4 For my wickednesses are gone over my head, * and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear.

5 My wounds stink, and are corrupt, * through my foolishness.

6 I am brought into so great trouble and misery, * that I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a sore disease, * and there is no whole part in my body.

8 I am feeble and sore smitten; * I have roared for the very disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, thou knowest all my desire; * and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me, * and the light of mine eyes is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my neighbours did stand looking upon my trouble, * and my kinsmen stood afar off.

12 They also that sought after my life laid snares for me; * and they that went about to do me evil talked of wickedness, and imagined deceit all the day long.

13 As for me, I was like a deaf man, and heard not; * and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth.

14 I became even as a man that heareth not, * and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

15 For in thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; * thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God.

16 I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not

triumph over me; * for when my foot slipt, they rejoiced greatly against me.

17 And I truly am set in the plague, * and my heaviness is ever in my sight.

18 For I will confess my wickedness, * and be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies live, and are mighty; * and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.

20 They also that reward evil for good are against me; * because I follow the thing that good is.

21 Forsake me not, O Lord my God; * be not thou far from me.

22 Haste thee to help me, * O Lord God of my salvation.

Psalm 39. *Dixi, Custodiam.*

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, * that I offend not in my tongue.

2 I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle, * while the ungodly is in my sight.

3 I held my tongue, and spake nothing: * I kept silence, yea, even from good words; but it was pain and grief to me.

4 My heart was hot within me: and while I was thus musing the fire kindled, * and at the last I spake with my tongue:

5 Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days; * that I may be certified how long I have to live.

6 Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; * and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

7 For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; * he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

8 And now, Lord, what is my hope? * truly my hope is even in thee.

9 Deliver me from all mine offences; * and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

10 I became dumb, and opened not my mouth; * for it was thy doing.

11 Take thy plague away from me: * I am even consumed by the means of thy heavy hand.

12 When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment: * every man therefore is but vanity.

13 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and with thine ears consider my calling; * hold not thy peace at my tears;

14 For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, * as all my fathers were.

15 O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, * before I go hence, and be no more seen.

Psalm 40. *Expectans expectavi.*

I WAITED patiently for the LORD, * and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling.

2 He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay, * and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, * even a thanksgiving unto our God.

4 Many shall see it, and fear, * and shall put their trust in the LORD.

5 Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the LORD, * and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies.

6 O LORD my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts, which are to usward; * and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee.

7 If I should declare them, and speak of them, * they should be more than I am able to express.

8 Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, * but mine ears hast thou opened.

9 Burnt-offering and sacrifice for sin hast thou not required: * then said I, Lo, I come;

10 In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my God: * I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart.

11 I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation: * lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.

12 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; * my talk hath been of thy truth, and of thy salvation.

13 I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth * from the great congregation.

14 Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord; * let thy loving-kindness and thy truth alway preserve me.

15 For innumerable troubles are come about me; my sins have taken such hold upon me, that I am not able to look up; * yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart hath failed me.

16 O Lord, let it be thy pleasure to deliver me; * make haste, O Lord, to help me.

17 Let them be ashamed, and confounded together, that seek after my soul to destroy it; * let them be driven backward, and put to rebuke, that wish me evil.

18 Let them be desolate, and rewarded with shame, * that say unto me, Fie upon thee! fie upon thee!

19 Let all those that seek thee, be joyful and glad in thee; * and let such as love thy salvation, say alway, The Lord be praised.

20 As for me, I am poor and needy; * but the Lord careth for me.

21 Thou art my helper and redeemer; * make no long tarrying, O my God.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 41. *Beatus qui intelligit.*

BLESSED is he that considereth the poor and needy; * the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

2 The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive, that he may be blessed upon earth; * and deliver not thou him into the will of his enemies.

3 The Lord comfort him when he lieth sick upon his bed; * make thou all his bed in his sickness.

4 I said, Lord, be merciful unto me; * heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.

5 Mine enemies speak evil of me, * When shall he die, and his name perish?

6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity, * and his heart conceiveth falsehood within himself; and when he cometh forth, he telleth it.

7 All mine enemies whisper together against me; * even against me do they imagine this evil.

8 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him; * and now that he lieth, he shall rise up no more.

9 Yea, even mine own familiar friend whom I trusted, * who did also eat of my bread, hath laid great wait for me.

10 But be thou merciful unto me, O Lord; * raise thou me up again, and I shall reward them.

11 By this I know thou favourest me, * that mine enemy doth not triumph against me.

12 And in my innocency thou upholdest me, * and shalt set me before thy face for ever.

13 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, * world without end. Amen.

BOOK II

Psalm 42. *Quemadmodum.*

LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks, * so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: * when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night, * while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

4 Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself; * for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;

5 In the voice of praise and thanksgiving, * among such as keep holy-day.

6 Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why art thou so disquieted within me?

7 O put thy trust in God; * for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

8 My soul is vexed within me; * therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, from Hermon and the little hill.

9 One deep calleth another, because of the noise of thy water-floods; * all thy waves and storms are gone over me.

10 The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime; * and in the night season will I sing of him, and make my prayer unto the God of my life.

11 I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forgotten me? * why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

12 My bones are smitten asunder as with a sword, * while mine enemies that trouble me cast me in the teeth;

13 Namely, while they say daily unto me, * Where is now thy God?

14 Why art thou so vexed, O my soul? * and why art thou so disquieted within me?

15 O put thy trust in God; * for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 43. *Judica me, Deus.*

GIVE sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people; * O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

2 For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou put me from thee? * and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

3 O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, * and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling;

4 And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness; * and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.

5 Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? * and why art thou so disquieted within me?

6 O put thy trust in God; * for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

The Ninth Day

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 44. *Deus, auribus.*

WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us * what thou hast done in their time of old:

2 How thou hast driven out the heathen with thy hand, and planted our fathers in; * how thou hast destroyed the nations, and made thy people to flourish.

3 For they gat not the land in possession through their own sword, * neither was it their own arm that helped them;

4 But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance; * because thou hadst a favour unto them.

5 Thou art my King, O God; * send help unto Jacob.

6 Through thee will we overthrow our enemies, * and in thy Name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

7 For I will not trust in my bow, * it is not my sword that shall help me;

8 But it is thou that savest us from our enemies, * and puttest them to confusion that hate us.

9 We make our boast of God all day long, * and will praise thy Name for ever.

10 But now thou art far off, and puttest us to confusion, * and goest not forth with our armies.

11 Thou makest us to turn our backs upon our enemies, * so that they which hate us spoil our goods.

12 Thou lettest us be eaten up like sheep, * and hast scattered us among the heathen.

13 Thou sellest thy people for nought, * and takest no money for them.

14 Thou makest us to be rebuked of our neighbours, * to be laughed to scorn, and had in derision of them that are round about us.

15 Thou makest us to be a by-word among the nations, * and that the peoples shake their heads at us.

16 My confusion is daily before me, * and the shame of my face hath covered me;

17 For the voice of the slanderer and blasphemer, * for the enemy and avenger.

18 And though all this be come upon us, yet do we not forget thee, * nor behave ourselves frowardly in thy covenant.

19 Our heart is not turned back, * neither our steps gone out of thy way;

20 No, not when thou hast smitten us into the place of dragons, * and covered us with the shadow of death.

21 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, and holden up our hands to any strange god, * shall not God search it out? for he knoweth the very secrets of the heart.

22 For thy sake also are we killed all the day long, * and are counted as sheep appointed to be slain.

23 Up, Lord, why sleepest thou? * awake, and be not absent from us for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, * and forgettest our misery and trouble?

25 For our soul is brought low, even unto the dust; * our belly cleaveth unto the ground.

26 Arise, and help us, * and deliver us, for thy mercy's sake.

Psalm 45. *Eructavit cor meum.*

MY heart overfloweth with a good matter; I speak the things which I have made concerning the King. * My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer than the children of men; * full of grace are thy lips, because God hath blessed thee for ever.

3 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou Most Mighty, * according to thy worship and renown.

4 Good luck have thou with thine honour: * ride on, because of the word of truth, of meekness, and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

5 Thy arrows are very sharp in the heart of the King's enemies, * and the people shall be subdued unto thee.

6 Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever; * the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

7 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; * wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia; * out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

9 Kings' daughters are among thy honourable women; * upon thy right hand doth stand the queen in a vesture of gold, wrought about with divers colours.

10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider; incline thine ear; * forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.

11 So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty; * for he is thy Lord, and worship thou him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; * like as the rich also among the people shall make their supplication before thee.

13 The King's daughter is all glorious within; * her clothing is of wrought gold.

14 She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework: * the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be brought unto thee.

15 With joy and gladness shall they be brought, * and shall enter into the King's palace.

16 Instead of thy fathers, thou shalt have children, * whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.

17 I will make thy Name to be remembered from one generation to another; * therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee, world without end.

Psalm 46. *Deus noster refugium.*

GOD is our hope and strength, * a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell, * and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

4 There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God; * the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.

5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; * God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved; * but God hath showed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

7 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 O come hither, and behold the works of the LORD, * what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world; * he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

10 Be still then, and know that I am God: * I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 47. *Omnes gentes, plaudite.*

O CLAP your hands together, all ye peoples: * O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

2 For the LORD is high, and to be feared; * he is the great King upon all the earth.

3 He shall subdue the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.

4 He shall choose out an heritage for us, * even the excellency of Jacob, whom he loved.

5 God is gone up with a merry noise, * and the LORD with the sound of the trump.

6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; * O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

7 For God is the King of all the earth: * sing ye praises with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the nations; * God sitteth upon his holy seat.

9 The princes of the peoples are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham; * for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

Psalm 48. *Magnus Dominus.*

GREAT is the LORD, and highly to be praised * in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

2 The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth; * upon the north side lieth the city of the great King: God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

3 For lo, the kings of the earth * were gathered, and gone by together.

4 They marvelled to see such things; * they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

5 Fear came there upon them; and sorrow, * as upon a woman in her travail.

6 Thou dost break the ships of the sea * through the east-wind.

7 Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; * God upholdeth the same for ever.

8 We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, * in the midst of thy temple.

9 O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end; * thy right hand is full of righteousness.

10 Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad, * because of thy judgments.

11 Walk about Sion, and go round about her; * and tell the towers thereof.

12 Mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, * that ye may tell them that come after.

13 For this God is our God for ever and ever: * he shall be our guide unto death.

Psalm 49. *Audite haec, omnes.*

O HEAR ye this, all ye people; * ponder it with your ears, all ye that dwell in the world;

2 High and low, rich and poor, * one with another.

3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, * and my heart shall muse of understanding.

4 I will incline mine ear to the parable, * and show my dark speech upon the harp.

5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, * when wickedness at my heels compasseth me round about?

6 There be some that put their trust in their goods, * and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches.

7 But no man may deliver his brother, * nor give a ransom unto God for him,

8 (For it cost more to redeem their souls, * so that he must let that alone for ever;)

9 That he shall live alway, * and not see the grave.

10 For he seeth that wise men also die and perish together, * as well as the ignorant and foolish, and leave their riches for other.

11 And yet they think that their houses shall continue for ever, and that their dwelling-places shall endure from one generation to another; * and call the lands after their own names.

12 Nevertheless, man being in honour abideth not, * seeing he may be compared unto the beasts that perish;

13 This their way is very foolishness; * yet their posterity praise their saying.

14 They lie in the grave like sheep; death is their shepherd; and the righteous shall have dominion over them in the morning: * their beauty shall consume in the sepulchre, and have no abiding.

15 But God hath delivered my soul from the power of the grave; * for he shall receive me.

16 Be not thou afraid, though one be made rich, * or if the glory of his house be increased;

17 For he shall carry nothing away with him when he dieth, * neither shall his pomp follow him.

18 For while he lived, he counted himself an happy man; * and so long as thou doest well unto thyself, men will speak good of thee.

19 He shall follow the generation of his fathers, * and shall never see light.

20 Man that is in honour but hath no understanding * is compared unto the beasts that perish.

The Tenth Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 50. *Deus deorum.*

THE LORD, even the Most Mighty God, hath spoken, * and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Sion hath God appeared * in perfect beauty.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence; * there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.

4 He shall call the heaven from above, * and the earth, that he may judge his people.

5 Gather my saints together unto me; * those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; * for God is Judge himself.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; * I myself will testify against thee, O Israel; for I am God, even thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices; * as for thy burnt-offerings, they are alway before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of thine house, * nor he-goats out of thy folds.

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, * and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls upon the mountains, * and the wild beasts of the field are in my sight.

12 If I be hungry, I will not tell thee; * for the whole world is mine, and all that is therein.

13 Thinkest thou that I will eat bulls' flesh, * and drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer unto God thanksgiving, * and pay thy vows unto the Most Highest.

15 And call upon me in the time of trouble; * so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise me.

16 But unto the ungodly saith God, * Why dost thou preach my laws, and takest my covenant in thy mouth;

17 Whereas thou hatest to be reformed, * and hast cast my words behind thee?

18 When thou sawest a thief, thou consentedst unto him; * and hast been partaker with the adulterers.

19 Thou hast let thy mouth speak wickedness, * and with thy tongue thou hast set forth deceit.

20 Thou sattest and spakest against thy brother; * yea, and hast slandered thine own mother's son.

21 These things hast thou done, and I held my tongue, and thou thoughtest wickedly, that I am even such a one as thyself; * but I will reprove thee, and set before thee the things that thou hast done.

22 O consider this, ye that forget God, * lest I pluck you away, and there be none to deliver you.

23 Whoso offereth me thanks and praise, he honoureth me; * and to him that ordereth his way aright, will I show the salvation of God.

Psalm 51. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; * according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

2 Wash me throughly from my wickedness, * and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults, * and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight; * that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou shalt judge.

5 Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, * and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

6 But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, * and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; * thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Turn thy face from my sins, * and put out all my misdeeds.

10 Make me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence, * and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

12 O give me the comfort of thy help again, * and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

13 Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, * and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; * and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

15 Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth shall show thy praise.

16 For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; * but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: * a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

18 O be favourable and gracious unto Sion; * build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations; * then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Psalm 52. *Quid gloriaris?*

WHY boastest thou thyself, thou tyrant, * that thou canst do mischief;

2 Whereas the goodness of God * endureth yet daily?

3 Thy tongue imagineth wickedness, * and with lies thou cuttest like a sharp razor.

4 Thou hast loved unrighteousness more than goodness, * and falsehood more than righteousness.

5 Thou hast loved to speak all words that may do hurt, * O thou false tongue.

6 Therefore shall God destroy thee for ever; * he shall take thee, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling, and root thee out of the land of the living.

7 The righteous also shall see this, and fear, * and shall laugh him to scorn:

8 Lo, this is the man that took not God for his strength; * but trusted unto the multitude of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

9 As for me, I am like a green olive-tree in the house of God; * my trust is in the tender mercy of God for ever and ever.

10 I will alway give thanks unto thee for that thou hast done; * and I will hope in thy Name, for thy saints like it well.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 53. *Dixit insipiens.*

THE foolish body hath said in his heart, * There is no God.

2 Corrupt are they, and become abominable in their wickedness; * there is none that doeth good.

3 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, * to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.

4 But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable; * there is also none that doeth good, no not one.

5 Are not they without understanding that work wickedness, * eating up my people as if they would eat bread? they have not called upon God.

6 They were afraid where no fear was; * for God hath broken the bones of him that besieged thee; thou hast put them to confusion, because God hath despised them.

7 O that the salvation were given unto Israel out of Sion! * O that the Lord would deliver his people out of captivity!

8 Then should Jacob rejoice, * and Israel should be right glad.

Psalm 54. *Deus, in Nomine.*

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake, * and avenge me in thy strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God, * and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen up against me; * and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

4 Behold, God is my helper; * the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: * destroy thou them in thy truth.

6 An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O LORD; * because it is so comfortable.

7 For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble; * and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

Psalm 55. *Exaudi, Deus.*

HEAR my prayer, O God, * and hide not thyself from my petition.

2 Take heed unto me, and hear me, * how I mourn in my prayer, and am vexed;

3 The enemy crieth so, and the ungodly cometh on so fast; * for they are minded to do me some mischief, so maliciously are they set against me.

4 My heart is disquieted within me, * and the fear of death is fallen upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, * and an horrible dread hath overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, O that I had wings like a dove! * for then would I flee away, and be at rest.

7 Lo, then would I get me away far off, * and remain in the wilderness.

8 I would make haste to escape, * because of the stormy wind and tempest.

9 Destroy their tongues, O Lord, and divide them; * for I have spied unrighteousness and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about within the walls thereof: * mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness is therein; * deceit and guile go not out of her streets.

12 For it is not an open enemy that hath done me this dishonour; * for then I could have borne it;

13 Neither was it mine adversary that did magnify himself against me; * for then peradventure I would have hid myself from him;

14 But it was even thou, my companion, * my guide, and mine own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together, * and walked in the house of God as friends.

16 Let death come hastily upon them, and let them go down alive into the pit; * for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

17 As for me, I will call upon God, * and the Lord shall save me.

18 In the evening, and morning, and at noon-day will I pray, and that instantly; * and he shall hear my voice.

19 It is he that hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me; * for there were many that strove with me.

20 Yea, even God, that endureth for ever, shall hear me, and bring them down; * for they will not turn, nor fear God.

21 He laid his hands upon such as be at peace with him, * and he brake his covenant.

22 The words of his mouth were softer than butter, having war in his heart; * his words were smoother than oil, and yet be they very swords.

23 O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall nourish thee, * and shall not suffer the righteous to fall for ever.

24 And as for them, * thou, O God, shalt bring them into the pit of destruction.

25 The blood-thirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days: * nevertheless, my trust shall be in thee, O Lord.

The Eleventh Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 56. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

BE merciful unto me, O God, for man goeth about to devour me; * he is daily fighting, and troubling me.

2 Mine enemies are daily at hand to swallow me up; * for they be many that fight against me, O thou Most Highest.

3 Nevertheless, though I am sometime afraid, * yet put I my trust in thee.

4 I will praise God, because of his word: * I have put my trust in God, and will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5 They daily mistake my words; * all that they imagine is to do me evil.

6 They hold all together, and keep themselves close, * and mark my steps, when they lay wait for my soul.

7 Shall they escape for their wickedness? * thou, O God, in thy displeasure shalt cast them down.

8 Thou tellest my wanderings; put my tears into thy bottle: * are not these things noted in thy book?

9 Whensoever I call upon thee, then shall mine enemies be put to flight: * this I know; for God is on my side.

10 In God's word will I rejoice; * in the Lord's word will I comfort me.

11 Yea, in God have I put my trust; * I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

12 Unto thee, O God, will I pay my vows; * unto thee will I give thanks.

13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling, * that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

Psalm 57. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusteth in thee; * and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be overpast.

2 I will call unto the Most High God, * even unto the God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.

3 He shall send from heaven, * and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.

4 God shall send forth his mercy and truth: * my soul is among lions;

5 And I lie even among the children of men, that are set on fire, * whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

6 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens; * and thy glory above all the earth.

7 They have laid a net for my feet, and pressed down my soul; * they have digged a pit before me, and are fallen into the midst of it themselves.

8 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; * I will sing and give praise.

9 Awake up, my glory; awake, lute and harp: * I myself will awake right early.

10 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the peoples; * and I will sing unto thee among the nations.

11 For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens, * and thy truth unto the clouds.

12 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens; * and thy glory above all the earth.

Psalm 58. *Si vere utique.*

ARE your minds set upon righteousness, O ye congregation? * and do ye judge the thing that is right, O ye sons of men?

2 Yea, ye imagine mischief in your heart upon the earth, * and your hands deal with wickedness.

3 The ungodly are froward, even from their mother's womb; * as soon as they are born, they go astray, and speak lies.

4 They are as venomous as the poison of a serpent, * even like the deaf adder, that stoppeth her ears;

5 Which refuseth to hear the voice of the charmer, * charm he never so wisely.

6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouths; * smite the jaw-bones of the lions, O LORD.

7 Let them fall away like water that runneth apace; * when they shoot their arrows, let them be rooted out.

8 Let them consume away like a snail, and be like the untimely fruit of a woman; * and let them not see the sun.

9 Or ever your pots be made hot with thorns, * he shall take them away with a whirlwind, the green and the burning alike.

10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance; * he shall wash his footsteps in the blood of the ungodly.

11 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous; * doubtless there is a God that judgeth the earth.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 59. *Eripe me de inimicis.*

DELIVER me from mine enemies, O God; * defend me from them that rise up against me.

2 O deliver me from the wicked doers, * and save me from the blood-thirsty men.

3 For lo, they lie waiting for my soul; * the mighty men are gathered against me, without any offence or fault of me, O LORD.

4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault; * arise thou therefore to help me, and behold.

5 Stand up, O LORD God of hosts, thou God of Israel, to visit all the heathen, * and be not merciful unto them that offend of malicious wickedness.

6 They go to and fro in the evening, * they grin like a dog, and run about through the city.

7 Behold, they speak with their mouth, and swords are in their lips; * for who doth hear?

8 But thou, O LORD, shalt have them in derision, * and thou shalt laugh all the heathen to scorn.

9 My strength will I ascribe unto thee; * for thou art the God of my refuge.

10 God showeth me his goodness plenteously; * and God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

11 Slay them not, lest my people forget it; * but scatter them abroad among the people, and put them down, O Lord our defence.

12 For the sin of their mouth, and for the words of their lips, they shall be taken in their pride: * and why? their talk is of cursing and lies.

13 Consume them in thy wrath, consume them, that they may perish; * and know that it is God that ruleth in Jacob, and unto the ends of the world.

14 And in the evening they will return, * grin like a dog, and will go about the city.

15 They will run here and there for meat, * and grudge if they be not satisfied.

16 As for me, I will sing of thy power, and will praise thy mercy betimes in the morning; * for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing; * for thou, O God, art my refuge, and my merciful God.

Psalm 60. *Deus, repulisti nos.*

O GOD, thou hast cast us out, and scattered us abroad; * thou hast also been displeased: O turn thee unto us again.

2 Thou hast moved the land, and divided it: * heal the sores thereof, for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast showed thy people heavy things; * thou hast given us a drink of deadly wine.

4 Thou hast given a token for such as fear thee, * that they may triumph because of the truth.

5 Therefore were thy beloved delivered; * help me with thy right hand, and hear me.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness, I will rejoice, and divide Shechem, * and mete out the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim also is the strength of my head; Judah is my law-giver;

8 Moab is my wash-pot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; * Philistia, be thou glad of me.

9 Who will lead me into the strong city? * who will bring me into Edom?

10 Hast not thou cast us out, O God? * wilt not thou, O God, go out with our hosts?

11 O be thou our help in trouble; * for vain is the help of man.

12 Through God will we do great acts; * for it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

Psalm 61. *Exaudi, Deus.*

HEAR my crying, O God, * give ear unto my prayer.

2 From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee, * when my heart is in heaviness.

3 O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I; * for thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy.

4 I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever, * and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.

5 For thou, O Lord, hast heard my desires, * and hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy Name.

6 Thou shalt grant the King a long life, * that his years may endure throughout all generations.

7 He shall dwell before God for ever: * O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him.

8 So will I alway sing praise unto thy Name, * that I may daily perform my vows.

The Twelth Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 62. *Nonne Deo?*

MY soul truly waiteth still upon God; * for of him cometh my salvation.

2 He verily is my strength and my salvation; * he is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall.

3 How long will ye imagine mischief against every man? * Ye shall be slain all the sort of you; yea, as a tottering wall shall ye be, and like a broken hedge.

4 Their device is only how to put him out whom God will exalt; * their delight is in lies; they give good words with their mouth, but curse with their heart.

5 Nevertheless, my soul, wait thou still upon God; * for my hope is in him.

6 He truly is my strength and my salvation; * he is my defence, so that I shall not fall.

7 In God is my health and my glory; * the rock of my might; and in God is my trust.

8 O put your trust in him alway, ye people; * pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope.

9 As for the children of men, they are but vanity; the children of men are deceitful; * upon the weights they are altogether lighter than vanity itself.

10 O trust not in wrong and robbery; give not yourselves unto vanity: * if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

11 God spake once, and twice I have also heard the same, * that power belongeth unto God;

12 And that thou, Lord, art merciful; * for thou rewardest every man according to his work.

Psalm 63. *Deus, Deus meus.*

O GOD, thou art my God; * early will I seek thee.

2 My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee, * in a barren and dry land where no water is.

3 Thus have I looked for thee in the sanctuary, * that I might behold thy power and glory.

4 For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself: * my lips shall praise thee.

5 As long as I live will I magnify thee in this manner, * and lift up my hands in thy Name.

6 My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness, * when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

7 Have I not remembered thee in my bed, * and thought upon thee when I was waking?

8 Because thou hast been my helper; * therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

9 My soul hangeth upon thee; * thy right hand hath upholden me.

10 These also that seek the hurt of my soul, * they shall go under the earth.

11 Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, * that they may be a portion for foxes.

12 But the King shall rejoice in God; all they also that swear by him shall be commended; * for the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

Psalm 64. *Exaudi, Deus.*

HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer; * preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the gathering together of the froward, * and from the insurrection of wicked doers;

3 Who have whet their tongue like a sword, * and shoot out their arrows, even bitter words;

4 That they may privily shoot at him that is perfect: * suddenly do they hit him, and fear not.

5 They encourage themselves in mischief, * and commune among themselves, how they may lay snares; and say, that no man shall see them.

6 They imagine wickedness, and practise it; * that they keep secret among themselves, every man in the deep of his heart.

7 But God shall suddenly shoot at them with a swift arrow, * that they shall be wounded.

8 Yea, their own tongues shall make them fall; * insomuch that whoso seeth them shall laugh them to scorn.

9 And all men that see it shall say, This hath God done; * for they shall perceive that it is his work.

10 The righteous shall rejoice in the LORD, and put his trust in him; * and all they that are true of heart shall be glad.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 65. *Te decet hymnus.*

THOU, O God, art praised in Sion; * and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

2 Thou that hearest the prayer, * unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 My misdeeds prevail against me: * O be thou merciful unto our sins.

4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee: * he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5 Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation; * thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, * and is girded about with power.

7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea, * and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the peoples.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens, * thou that makest the out-goings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it; * thou makest it very plenteous.

10 The river of God is full of water: * thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

11 Thou waterest her furrows; thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof; * thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; * and thy clouds drop fatness.

13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness; * and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

14 The folds shall be full of sheep; * the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

Psalm 66. *Jubilate Deo.*

O BE joyful in God, all ye lands; * sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.

2 Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works! * through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies bow down unto thee.

3 For all the world shall worship thee, * sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

4 O come hither, and behold the works of God; * how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, * so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.

6 He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: * and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.

7 O praise our God, ye peoples, * and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holdeth our soul in life; * and suffereth not our feet to slip.

9 For thou, O God, hast proved us; * thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.

10 Thou broughtest us into the snare; * and laidest trouble upon our loins.

11 Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads; * we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

12 I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings, and will pay thee my vows, * which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams; * I will offer bullocks and goats.

14 O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God; * and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.

15 I called unto him with my mouth, * and gave him praises with my tongue.

16 If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart, * the Lord will not hear me.

17 But God hath heard me; * and considered the voice of my prayer.

18 Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer, * nor turned his mercy from me.

Psalm 67. *Deus misereatur.*

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, * and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

2 That thy way may be known upon earth, * thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise thee, O God; * yea, let all the peoples praise thee.

4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad; * for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise thee, O God; * yea, let all the peoples praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; * and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

7 God shall bless us; * and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

The Thirteenth Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 68. *Exsurgat Deus.*

LET God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let them also that hate him flee before him.

2 Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away; * and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad, and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.

4 O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name; magnify him that rideth upon the heavens; * praise him in his Name JAH, and rejoice before him.

5 He is a Father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows; * even God in his holy habitation.

6 He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity; * but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.

7 O God, when thou wentest forth before the people; * when thou wentest through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God; * even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel.

9 Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance, * and refreshedst it when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation shall dwell therein; * for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word; * great was the company of women that bare the tidings.

12 Kings with their armies did flee, and were discomfited, * and they of the household divided the spoil.

13 Though ye have lain among the sheep-folds, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove * that is covered with silver wings, and her feathers like gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings for their sake, * then were they as white as snow in Salmon.

15 As the hill of Bashan, so is God's hill; * even an high hill, as the hill of Bashan.

16 Why mock ye so, ye high hills? this is God's hill, in the which it pleaseth him to dwell; * yea, the LORD will abide in it for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels; * and the Lord is among them as in the holy place of Sinai.

18 Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts from men; * yea, even from thine enemies, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

19 Praised be the Lord daily, * even the God who helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon us.

20 He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation: * GOD is the Lord, by whom we escape death.

21 God shall wound the head of his enemies, * and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his wickedness.

22 The Lord hath said, I will bring my people again, as I did from Bashan; * mine own will I bring again, as I did sometime from the deep of the sea.

23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies, * and that the tongue of thy dogs may be red through the same.

24 It is well seen, O God, how thou goest; * how thou, my God and King, goest in the sanctuary.

25 The singers go before, the minstrels follow after, * in the midst of the damsels playing with the timbrels.

26 Give thanks unto God the Lord in the congregation, * ye that are of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is little Benjamin their ruler, and the princes of Judah their council; * the princes of Zebulon, and the princes of Naphthali.

28 Thy God hath sent forth strength for thee; * stablish the thing, O God, that thou hast wrought in us,

29 For thy temple's sake at Jerusalem; * so shall kings bring presents unto thee.

30 Rebuke thou the dragon and the bull, with the leaders of the heathen, so that they humbly bring pieces of silver; * scatter thou the peoples that delight in war;

31 Then shall the princes come out of Egypt; * the Morians' land shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth; * O sing praises unto the Lord;

33 Who sitteth in the heavens over all, from the beginning: * lo, he doth send out his voice; yea, and that a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel; * his worship and strength is in the clouds.

35 O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy places: * even the God of Israel, he will give strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 69. *Salvum me fac.*

SAVE me, O God; * for the waters are come in, even unto my soul.

2 I stick fast in the deep mire, where no ground is; * I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me.

3 I am weary of crying; my throat is dry; * my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God.

4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; * they that are mine enemies, and would destroy me guiltless, are mighty.

5 I paid them the things that I never took: * God, thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my cause; * let not those that seek thee be confounded through me, O Lord God of Israel.

7 And why? for thy sake have I suffered reproof; * shame hath covered my face.

8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, * even an alien unto my mother's children.

9 For the zeal of thine house hath even eaten me; * and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.

10 I wept, and chastened myself with fasting, * and that was turned to my reproof.

11 I put on sackcloth also, * and they jested upon me.

12 They that sit in the gate speak against me, * and the drunkards make songs upon me.

13 But, LORD, I make my prayer unto thee * in an acceptable time.

14 Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercy, * even in the truth of thy salvation.

15 Take me out of the mire, that I sink not; * O let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

16 Let not the water-flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up; * and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

17 Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable; * turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.

18 And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: * O haste thee, and hear me.

19 Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it; * O deliver me, because of mine enemies.

20 Thou hast known my reproach, my shame, and my dishonour: * mine adversaries are all in thy sight.

21 Reproach hath broken my heart; I am full of heaviness: * I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man, neither found I any to comfort me.

22 They gave me gall to eat; * and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

23 Let their table be made a snare to take themselves withal; * and let the things that should have been for their wealth be unto them an occasion of falling.

24 Let their eyes be blinded, that they see not; * and ever bow thou down their backs.

25 Pour out thine indignation upon them, * and let thy wrathful displeasure take hold of them.

26 Let their habitation be void, * and no man to dwell in their tents.

27 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten; * and they talk how they may vex them whom thou hast wounded.

28 Let them fall from one wickedness to another, * and not come into thy righteousness.

29 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living, * and not be written among the righteous.

30 As for me, when I am poor and in heaviness, * thy help, O God, shall lift me up.

31 I will praise the Name of God with a song, * and magnify it with thanksgiving.

32 This also shall please the Lord * better than a bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

33 The humble shall consider this, and be glad: * seek ye after God, and your soul shall live.

34 For the LORD heareth the poor, * and despiseth not his prisoners.

35 Let heaven and earth praise him: * the sea, and all that moveth therein.

36 For God will save Sion, and build the cities of Judah, * that men may dwell there, and have it in possession.

37 The posterity also of his servants shall inherit it; * and they that love his Name shall dwell therein.

Psalm 70. *Deus, in adjutorium.*

HASTE thee, O God, to deliver me; * make haste to help me, O LORD.

2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul; * let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me evil.

3 Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame, * that cry over me, There! there!

4 But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee: * and let all such as delight in thy salvation say alway, The Lord be praised.

5 As for me, I am poor and in misery: * haste thee unto me, O God.

6 Thou art my helper, and my redeemer: * O LORD, make no long tarrying.

THE FOURTEENTH DAY

Morning Prayer

Psalm 71. *In te, Domine, speravi.*

IN thee, O LORD, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion, * but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness; incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

2 Be thou my stronghold, whereunto I may alway resort: * thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my house of defence, and my castle.

3 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly, * out
of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
4 For thou, O Lord GOD, art the thing that I long for: * thou
art my hope, even from my youth.
5 Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born: *
thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb: my praise shall
be alway of thee.
6 I am become as it were a monster unto many, * but my sure
trust is in thee.
7 O let my mouth be filled with thy praise, * that I may sing of
thy glory and honour all the day long.
8 Cast me not away in the time of age; * forsake me not when
my strength faileth me.
9 For mine enemies speak against me; * and they that lay wait
for my soul take their counsel together, saying,
10 God hath forsaken him; * persecute him, and take him, for
there is none to deliver him.
11 Go not far from me, O God; * my God, haste thee to help
me.
12 Let them be confounded and perish that are against my
soul; * let them be covered with shame and dishonour that seek to
do me evil.
13 As for me, I will patiently abide alway, * and will praise thee
more and more.
14 My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salva-
tion; * for I know no end thereof.
15 I will go forth in the strength of the Lord GOD, * and will
make mention of thy righteousness only.
16 Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until
now; * therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.
17 Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am gray-
headed, * until I have showed thy strength unto this generation,
and thy power to all them that are yet for to come.
8 Thy righteousness, O God, is very high, * and great things
are they that thou hast done: O God, who is like unto thee!
19 O what great troubles and adversities hast thou showed me!

and yet didst thou turn and refresh me; * yea, and broughtest me from the deep of the earth again.

20 Thou hast brought me to great honour, * and comforted me on every side:

21 Therefore will I praise thee, and thy faithfulness, O God, playing upon an instrument of music: * unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

22 My lips will be glad when I sing unto thee; * and so will my soul whom thou hast delivered.

23 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long; * for they are confounded and brought unto shame that seek to do me evil.

Psalm 72. *Deus, judicium.*

GIVE the King thy judgments, O God, * and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, * and defend the poor.

3 The mountains also shall bring peace, * and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

4 He shall keep the simple folk by their right, * defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

5 They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth, * from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, * even as the drops that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

8 His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other, * and from the River unto the world's end.

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him; * his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents; * the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

11 All kings shall fall down before him; * all nations shall do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth; * the needy also, and him that hath no helper.

13 He shall be favourable to the simple and needy, * and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

14 He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong; * and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

15 He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia; * prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

16 There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high upon the hills ; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: * and they of the city shall flourish like grass upon the earth.

17 His Name shall endure for ever; his Name shall remain under the sun among the posterities, which shall be blessed in him; * and all the nations shall praise him.

18 Blessed be the LORD God, even the God of Israel, * which only doeth wondrous things;

19 And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever: * and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. Amen, Amen.

BOOK III

Evening Prayer

Psalm 73. *Quam bonus Israel!*

TRULY God is loving unto Israel: * even unto such as are of a clean heart.

2 Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone, * my treadings had well-nigh slipt.

3 And why? I was grieved at the wicked: * I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.

4 For they are in no peril of death; * but are lusty and strong.

5 They come in no misfortune like other folk; * neither are they plagued like other men.

6 And this is the cause that they are so holden with pride, * and cruelty covereth them as a garment.

7 Their eyes swell with fatness, * and they do even what they lust.

8 They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy; * their talking is against the Most High.

9 For they stretch forth their mouth unto the heaven, * and their tongue goeth through the world.

10 Therefore fall the people unto them, * and thereout suck they no small advantage.

11 Tush, say they, how should God perceive it? * is there knowledge in the Most High?

12 Lo, these are the ungodly, * these prosper in the world, and these have riches in possession:

13 And I said, Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, * and washed my hands in innocency.

14 All the day long have I been punished, * and chastened every morning.

15 Yea, and I had almost said even as they; * but lo, then I should have condemned the generation of thy children.

16 Then thought I to understand this; * but it was too hard for me,

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God: * then understood I the end of these men;

18 Namely, how thou dost set them in slippery places, * and castest them down, and destroyest them.

19 O how suddenly do they consume, * perish, and come to a fearful end!

20 Yea, even like as a dream when one awaketh; * so shalt thou make their image to vanish out of the city.

21 Thus my heart was grieved, * and it went even through my reins.

22 So foolish was I, and ignorant, * even as it were a beast before thee.

23 Nevertheless, I am alway by thee; * for thou hast holden me by my right hand.

24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, * and after that receive me with glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? * and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee.

26 My flesh and my heart faileth; * but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

27 For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish; * thou hast destroyed all them that are unfaithful unto thee.

28 But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord GOD, * and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the daughter of Sion.

Psalm 74. *Ut quid, Deus?*

O GOD, wherefore art thou absent from us so long? * why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture?

2 O think upon thy congregation, * whom thou hast purchased, and redeemed of old.

3 Think upon the tribe of thine inheritance, * and Mount Sion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

4 Lift up thy feet, that thou mayest utterly destroy every enemy, * which hath done evil in thy sanctuary.

5 Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy congregations, * and set up their banners for tokens.

6 He that hewed timber afore out of the thick trees, * was known to bring it to an excellent work.

7 But now they break down all the carved work thereof * with axes and hammers.

8 They have set fire upon thy holy places, * and have defiled the dwelling-place of thy Name, even unto the ground.

9 Yea, they said in their hearts, Let us make havoc of them altogether: * thus have they burnt up all the houses of God in the land.

10 We see not our tokens; there is not one prophet more; * no, not one is there among us, that understandeth any more.

11 O God, how long shall the adversary do this dishonour? * shall the enemy blaspheme thy Name for ever?

12 Why withdrawest thou thy hand? * why pluckest thou not thy right hand out of thy bosom to consume the enemy?

13 For God is my King of old; * the help that is done upon earth, he doeth it himself.

14 Thou didst divide the sea through thy power; * thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

15 Thou smotest the heads of leviathan in pieces, * and gavest him to be meat for the people of the wilderness.

16 Thou broughtest out fountains and waters out of the hard rocks; * thou driedst up mighty waters.

17 The day is thine, and the night is thine; * thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

18 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth; * thou hast made summer and winter.

19 Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy hath rebuked; * and how the foolish people hath blasphemed thy Name.

20 O deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the enemies; * and forget not the congregation of the poor for ever.

21 Look upon the covenant; * for all the earth is full of darkness and cruel habitations.

22 O let not the simple go away ashamed; * but let the poor and needy give praise unto thy Name.

23 Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause; * remember how the foolish man blasphemeth thee daily.

24 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: * the presumption of them that hate thee increaseth ever more and more.

The Fifteenth Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 75. *Confitebimur tibi.*

UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks; * yea, unto thee do we give thanks.

2 Thy Name also is so nigh; * and that do thy wondrous works declare.

3 In the appointed time, saith God, * I shall judge according unto right.

4 The earth is weak, and all the inhabiters thereof: * I bear up the pillars of it.

5 I said unto the fools, Deal not so madly; * and to the ungodly, Set not up your horn.

6 Set not up your horn on high, * and speak not with a stiff neck.

7 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, * nor yet from the south.

8 And why? God is the Judge; * he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

9 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; * it is full mixt, and he poureth out of the same.

10 As for the dregs thereof, * all the ungodly of the earth shall drink them, and suck them out.

11 But I will talk of the God of Jacob, * and praise him for ever.

12 All the horns of the ungodly also will I break, * and the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

Psalm 76. *Notus in Judaea.*

IN Judah is God known; * his Name is great in Israel.

2 At Salem is his tabernacle, * and his dwelling in Sion.

3 There brake he the arrows of the bow, * the shield, the sword, and the battle.

4 Thou art glorious in might, * when thou comest from the hills of the robbers.

5 The proud are robbed, they have slept their sleep; * and all the men whose hands were mighty have found nothing.

6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, * both the chariot and horse are fallen.

7 Thou, even thou art to be feared; * and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry?

8 Thou didst cause thy judgment to be heard from heaven; * the earth trembled, and was still,

9 When God arose to judgment, * and to help all the meek upon earth.

10 The fierceness of man shall turn to thy praise; * and the fierceness of them shalt thou refrain.

11 Promise unto the Lord your God, and keep it, all ye that are round about him; * bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

12 He shall refrain the spirit of princes, * and is wonderful among the kings of the earth.

Psalm 77. *Voce mea ad Dominum.*

I WILL cry unto God with my voice; * even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall hearken unto me.

2 In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord: * I stretched forth my hands unto him, and ceased not in the night season; my soul refused comfort.

3 When I am in heaviness, I will think upon God; * when my heart is vexed, I will complain.

4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: * I am so feeble that I cannot speak.

5 I have considered the days of old, * and the years that are past.

6 I call to remembrance my song, * and in the night I commune with mine own heart, and search out my spirit.

7 Will the Lord absent himself for ever? * and will he be no more intreated?

8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? * and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?

9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? * and will he shut up his loving-kindness in displeasure?

10 And I said, It is mine own infirmity; * but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most Highest.

11 I will remember the works of the Lord, * and call to mind thy wonders of old time.

12 I will think also of all thy works, * and my talking shall be of thy doings.

13 Thy way, O God, is holy: * who is so great a God as our God?

14 Thou art the God that doest wonders, * and hast declared thy power among the peoples.

15 Thou hast mightily delivered thy people, * even the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee, and were afraid; * the depths also were troubled.

17 The clouds poured out water, the air thundered, * and thine arrows went abroad.

18 The voice of thy thunder was heard round about: * the lightnings shone upon the ground; the earth was moved, and shook withal.

19 Thy way is in the sea, and thy paths in the great waters, * and thy footsteps are not known.

20 Thou leddest thy people like sheep, * by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 78. *Attendite, popule.*

HEAR my law, O my people; * incline your ears unto the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; * I will declare hard sentences of old;

3 Which we have heard and known, * and such as our fathers have told us;

4 That we should not hide them from the children of the generations to come; * but to show the honour of the LORD, his mighty and wonderful works that he hath done.

5 He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave Israel a law, * which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children;

6 That their posterity might know it, * and the children which were yet unborn;

7 To the intent that when they came up, * they might show their children the same;

8 That they might put their trust in God; * and not to forget the works of God, but to keep his commandments;

9 And not to be as their forefathers, a faithless and stubborn generation; * a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit clave not stedfastly unto God;

10 Like as the children of Ephraim; * who being harnessed, and carrying bows, turned themselves back in the day of battle.

11 They kept not the covenant of God, * and would not walk in his law;

12 But forgat what he had done, * and the wonderful works that he had showed for them.

13 Marvellous things did he in the sight of our forefathers, in the land of Egypt, * even in the field of Zoan.

14 He divided the sea, and let them go through; * he made the waters to stand on an heap.

15 In the day-time also he led them with a cloud, * and all the night through with a light of fire.

16 He clave the hard rocks in the wilderness, * and gave them drink thereof, as it had been out of the great depth.

17 He brought waters out of the stony rock, * so that it gushed out like the rivers.

18 Yet for all this they sinned more against him, * and provoked the Most Highest in the wilderness.

19 They tempted God in their hearts, * and required meat for their lust.

20 They spake against God also, saying, * Shall God prepare a table in the wilderness?

21 He smote the stony rock indeed, that the water gushed out, and the streams flowed withal; * but can he give bread also, or provide flesh for his people?

22 When the LORD heard this, he was wroth; * so the fire was kindled in Jacob, and there came up heavy displeasure against Israel;

23 Because they believed not in God, * and put not their trust in his help.

24 So he commanded the clouds above, * and opened the doors of heaven.

25 He rained down manna also upon them for to eat, * and gave them food from heaven.

26 So man did eat angels' food; * for he sent them meat enough.
27 He caused the east-wind to blow under heaven; * and through his power he brought in the southwest wind.
28 He rained flesh upon them as thick as dust, * and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea.
29 He let it fall among their tents, * even round about their habitation.
30 So they did eat, and were well filled; for he gave them their own desire: * they were not disappointed of their lust.
31 But while the meat was yet in their mouths, the heavy wrath of God came upon them, and slew the wealthiest of them; * yea, and smote down the chosen men that were in Israel.
32 But for all this they sinned yet more, * and believed not his wondrous works.
33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, * and their years in trouble.
34 When he slew them, they sought him, * and turned them early, and inquired after God.
35 And they remembered that God was their strength, * and that the High God was their redeemer.
36 Nevertheless, they did but flatter him with their mouth, * and dissembled with him in their tongue.
37 For their heart was not whole with him, * neither continued they stedfast in his covenant.
38 But he was so merciful, that he forgave their misdeeds, * and destroyed them not.
39 Yea, many a time turned he his wrath away, * and would not suffer his whole displeasure to arise.
40 For he considered that they were but flesh, * and that they were even a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.
41 Many a time did they provoke him in the wilderness, * and grieved him in the desert.
42 They turned back, and tempted God, * and provoked the Holy One in Israel.
43 They thought not of his hand, * and of the day when he delivered them from the hand of the enemy;

44 How he had wrought his miracles in Egypt, * and his won-
ders in the field of Zoan.
45 He turned their waters into blood, * so that they might not
drink of the rivers.
46 He sent flies among them, and devoured them up; * and
frogs to destroy them.
47 He gave their fruit unto the caterpillar, * and their labour
unto the grasshopper.
48 He destroyed their vines with hailstones, * and their
mulberry-trees with the frost.
49 He smote their cattle also with hailstones, * and their flocks
with hot thunderbolts.
50 He cast upon them the furiousness of his wrath, anger,
displeasure, and trouble: *and sent evil angels among them.
51 He made a way to his indignation, and spared not their soul
from death; * but gave their life over to the pestilence;
52 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt, * the most principal
and mightiest in the dwellings of Ham.
53 But as for his own people, he led them forth like sheep, * and
carried them in the wilderness like a flock.
54 He brought them out safely, that they should not fear, * and
overwhelmed their enemies with the sea.
55 And brought them within the borders of his sanctuary, *
even to this mountain, which he purchased with his right hand.
56 He cast out the heathen also before them, * caused their
land to be divided among them for an heritage, and made the
tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
57 Yet they tempted and displeased the Most High God, * and
kept not his testimonies.
58 They turned their backs, and fell away like their forefa-
thers; * starting aside like a broken bow.
59 For they grieved him with their hill-altars, * and provoked
him to displeasure with their images.
60 When God heard this, he was wroth, * and took sore dis-
pleasure at Israel;

61 So that he forsook the tabernacle in Shiloh, * even the tent that he had pitched among men.

62 He delivered their power into captivity, * and their beauty into the enemy's hand

63 He gave his people over also unto the sword, * and was wroth with his inheritance.

64 The fire consumed their young men, * and their maidens were not given in marriage.

65 Their priests were slain with the sword, * and there were no widows to make lamentation.

66 So the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, * and like a giant refreshed with wine.

67 He drave his enemies backward, * and put them to a perpetual shame.

68 He refused the tabernacle of Joseph, * and chose not the tribe of Ephraim;

69 But chose the tribe of Judah, * even the hill of Sion which he loved.

70 And there he built his temple on high, * and laid the foundation of it like the ground which he hath made continually.

71 He chose David also his servant, * and took him away from the sheep-folds:

72 As he was following the ewes with their young he took him, * that he might feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

73 So he fed them with a faithful and true heart, * and ruled them prudently with all his power.

The Sixteenth Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 79. *Deus, venerunt.*

O GOD, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; * thy holy temple have they defiled, and made Jerusalem an heap of stones.

2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat

unto the fowls of the air, * and the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the land.

3 Their blood have they shed like water on every side of Jerusalem, * and there was no man to bury them.

4 We are become an open shame to our enemies, * a very scorn and derision unto them that are round about us.

5 LORD, how long wilt thou be angry? * shall thy jealousy burn like fire for ever?

6 Pour out thine indignation upon the heathen that have not known thee; * and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob, * and laid waste his dwelling-place.

8 O remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon; * for we are come to great misery.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy Name: * O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for thy Name's sake.

10 Wherefore do the heathen say, * Where is now their God?

11 O let the vengeance of thy servants' blood that is shed, * be openly showed upon the heathen, in our sight.

12 O let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before thee; * according to the greatness of thy power, preserve thou those that are appointed to die.

13 And for the blasphemy wherewith our neighbours have blasphemed thee, * reward thou them, O Lord, sevenfold into their bosom.

14 So we, that are thy people, and sheep of thy pasture, shall give thee thanks for ever, * and will alway be showing forth thy praise from generation to generation.

Psalm 80. *Qui regis Israel.*

HEAR, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; * show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim.

2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up thy strength, and come and help us.

3 Turn us again, O God; * show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

4 O Lord God of hosts, * how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?

5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears, * and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.

6 Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Turn us again, thou God of hosts; * show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt; * thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

9 Thou madest room for it; * and when it had taken root, it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, * and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar-trees.

11 She stretched out her branches unto the sea, * and her boughs unto the River.

12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedge, * that all they that go by pluck off her grapes?

13 The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up, * and the wild beasts of the field devour it.

14 Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look down from heaven, * behold, and visit this vine;

15 And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted, * and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.

16 It is burnt with fire, and cut down; * and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, * and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.

18 And so will not we go back from thee: * O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.

19 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; * show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

Psalm 81. *Exultate Deo.*

SING we merrily unto God our strength; * make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

2 Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret, * the merry harp with the lute.

3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, * even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast-day.

4 For this was made a statute for Israel, * and a law of the God of Jacob.

5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, * when he came out of the land of Egypt, and had heard a strange language.

6 I eased his shoulder from the burden, * and his hands were delivered from making the pots.

7 Thou calledst upon me in troubles, and I delivered thee; * and heard thee what time as the storm fell upon thee.

8 I proved thee also * at the waters of strife.

9 Hear, O my people; and I will assure thee, O Israel, * if thou wilt hearken unto me,

10 There shall no strange god be in thee, * neither shalt thou worship any other god.

11 I am the LORD thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt: * open thy mouth wide, and I shall fill it.

12 But my people would not hear my voice; * and Israel would not obey me;

13 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lusts, * and let them follow their own imaginations.

14 O that my people would have hearkened unto me! * for if Israel had walked in my ways,

15 I should soon have put down their enemies, * and turned my hand against their adversaries.

16 The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him; * but their time should have endured for ever.

17 I would have fed them also with the finest wheat-flour; * and with honey out of the stony rock would I have satisfied thee.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 82. *Deus stetit.*

GOD standeth in the congregation of princes; * he is a Judge among gods.

2 How long will ye give wrong judgment, * and accept the persons of the ungodly?

3 Defend the poor and fatherless; * see that such as are in need and necessity have right.

4 Deliver the outcast and poor; * save them from the hand of the ungodly.

5 They know not, neither do they understand, but walk on still in darkness: * all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

6 I have said, Ye are gods, * and ye are all the children of the Most Highest.

7 But ye shall die like men, * and fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, and judge thou the earth; * for thou shalt take all nations to thine inheritance.

Psalm 83. *Deus, quis similis?*

HOLD not thy tongue, O God, keep not still silence: * refrain not thyself, O God.

2 For lo, thine enemies make a murmuring; * and they that hate thee have lift up their head.

3 They have imagined craftily against thy people, * and taken counsel against thy secret ones.

4 They have said, Come, and let us root them out, that they be no more a people, * and that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

5 For they have cast their heads together with one consent, * and are confederate against thee:

6 The tabernacles of the Edomites, and the Ishmaelites; * the Moabites, and Hagarenes;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; * the Philistines, with them that dwell at Tyre.

8 Assyria also is joined with them; * they have holpen the
children of Lot.
9 But do thou to them as unto the Midianites; * unto Sisera,
and unto Jabin at the brook of Kishon;
10 Who perished at Endor, * and became as the dung of the
earth.
11 Make them and their princes like Oreb and Zeeb; * yea,
make all their princes like as Zebah and Zalmunna;
12 Who say, Let us take to ourselves * the houses of God in
possession.
13 O my God, make them like unto the whirling dust, * and as
the stubble before the wind;
14 Like as the fire that burneth up the forest, * and as the flame
that consumeth the mountains;
15 Pursue them even so with thy tempest, * and make them
afraid with thy storm.
16 Make their faces ashamed, O Lord, * that they may seek thy
Name.
17 Let them be confounded and vexed ever more and more; *
let them be put to shame, and perish.
18 And they shall know that thou, whose Name is Jehovah, *
art only the Most Highest over all the earth.

Psalm 84. *Quam dilecta!*

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings, * thou Lord of hosts.
2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts
of the Lord; * my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a
nest, where she may lay her young; * even thy altars, O Lord of
hosts, my King and my God.
4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; * they will be alway
praising thee.
5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; * in whose
heart are thy ways.
6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well; * and
the pools are filled with water.

7 They will go from strength to strength, * and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.

9 Behold, O God our defender, * and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For one day in thy courts * is better than a thousand. 11
I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, * than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

12 For the LORD God is a light and defence; * the LORD will give grace and worship; and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

13 O LORD God of hosts, * blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Psalm 85. *Benedixisti, Domine.*

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land; * thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, * and covered all their sins.

3 Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, * and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

4 Turn us then, O God our Saviour, * and let thine anger cease from us.

5 Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever? * and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?

6 Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us, * that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Show us thy mercy, O LORD, * and grant us thy salvation.

8 I will hearken what the LORD God will say; * for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again unto foolishness.

9 For his salvation is nigh them that fear him; * that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together: * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth, * and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

12 Yea, the Lord shall show loving-kindness; * and our land shall give her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, * and shall direct his going in the way.

The Seventeenth Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 86. *Inclina, Domine.*

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me; * for I am poor, and in misery.

2 Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy: * my God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.

3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord; * for I will call daily upon thee.

4 Comfort the soul of thy servant; * for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, Lord, art good and gracious, * and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

6 Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer, * and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee; * for thou hearest me.

8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; * there is not one that can do as thou doest.

9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship thee, O Lord; * and shall glorify thy Name.

10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: * thou art God alone.

11 Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth: * O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.

12 I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart; * and will praise thy Name for evermore.

13 For great is thy mercy toward me; * and thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.

14 O God, the proud are risen against me; * and the congregations of violent men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before their eyes.

15 But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy, * long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

16 O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me; * give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.

17 Show some token upon me for good; that they who hate me may see it, and be ashamed, * because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

Psalm 87. *Fundamenta ejus.*

HER foundations are upon the holy hills: * the LORD loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Very excellent things are spoken of thee, * thou city of God.

3 I will make mention of Egypt and Babylon, * among them that know me.

4 Behold, Philistia also; and Tyre, with Ethiopia; * lo, in Sion were they born.

5 Yea, of Sion it shall be reported, this one and that one were born in her; * and the Most High shall stablish her.

6 The LORD shall record it, when he writeth up the peoples; * lo, in Sion were they born.

7 The singers also and trumpeters shall make answer: * All my fresh springs are in thee.

Psalm 88. *Domine, Deus.*

O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee: * O let my prayer enter into thy presence, incline thine ear unto my calling;

2 For my soul is full of trouble, * and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

3 I am counted as one of them that go down into the pit, * and I am even as a man that hath no strength;

4 Cast off among the dead, like unto them that are slain, and lie in the grave, * who are out of remembrance, and are cut away from thy hand.

5 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, * in a place of darkness, and in the deep.

6 Thine indignation lieth hard upon me, * and thou hast vexed me with all thy storms.

7 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me, * and made me to be abhorred of them.

8 I am so fast in prison * that I cannot get forth.

9 My sight faileth for very trouble; * LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched forth my hands unto thee.

10 Dost thou show wonders among the dead? * or shall the dead rise up again, and praise thee?

11 Shall thy loving-kindness be showed in the grave? * or thy faithfulness in destruction?

12 Shall thy wondrous works be known in the dark? * and thy righteousness in the land where all things are forgotten?

13 Unto thee have I cried, O LORD; * and early shall my prayer come before thee.

14 LORD, why abhorrest thou my soul, * and hidest thou thy face from me?

15 I am in misery, and like unto him that is at the point to die; * even from my youth up, thy terrors have I suffered with a troubled mind.

16 Thy wrathful displeasure goeth over me, * and the fear of thee hath undone me.

17 They came round about me daily like water, * and compassed me together on every side.

18 My lovers and friends hast thou put away from me, * and hid mine acquaintance out of my sight.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 89. *Misericordias Domini.*

MY song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the LORD; * with my mouth will I ever be showing thy truth from one generation to another.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever; * thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens.

3 I have made a covenant with my chosen; * I have sworn unto David my servant:

4 Thy seed will I stablish for ever, * and set up thy throne from one generation to another.

5 O LORD, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works; * and thy truth in the congregation of the saints.

6 For who is he among the clouds, * that shall be compared unto the LORD?

7 And what is he among the gods, * that shall be like unto the LORD?

8 God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the saints, * and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him.

9 O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee? * thy truth, most mighty LORD, is on every side.

10 Thou rulest the raging of the sea; * thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise.

11 Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it; * thou hast scattered thine enemies abroad with thy mighty arm.

12 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; * thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is.

13 Thou hast made the north and the south; * Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy Name.

14 Thou hast a mighty arm; * strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

15 Righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat; * mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

16 Blessed is the people, O LORD, that can rejoice in thee; * they shall walk in the light of thy countenance.

17 Their delight shall be daily in thy Name; * and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast.

18 For thou art the glory of their strength, * and in thy loving-kindness thou shalt lift up our horns.

19 For the Lord is our defence; * the Holy One of Israel is our King.

20 Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst, * I have laid help upon one that is mighty, I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

21 I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.

22 My hand shall hold him fast, * and my arm shall strengthen him.

23 The enemy shall not be able to do him violence; * the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.

24 I will smite down his foes before his face, * and plague them that hate him.

25 My truth also and my mercy shall be with him; * and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.

26 I will set his dominion also in the sea, * and his right hand in the floods.

27 He shall call me, Thou art my Father, * my God, and my strong salvation.

28 And I will make him my firstborn, * higher than the kings of the earth.

29 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, * and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

30 His seed also will I make to endure for ever, * and his throne as the days of heaven.

31 But if his children forsake my law, * and walk not in my judgments;

32 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; * I will visit their offences with the rod, and their sin with scourges.

33 Nevertheless, my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him, * nor suffer my truth to fail.

34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips: * I have sworn once by my holiness, that I will not fail David.

35 His seed shall endure for ever, * and his throne is like as the sun before me.

36 He shall stand fast for evermore as the moon, * and as the faithful witness in heaven.

37 But thou hast abhorred and forsaken thine anointed, * and art displeased at him.

38 Thou hast broken the covenant of thy servant, * and cast his crown to the ground.

39 Thou hast overthrown all his hedges, * and broken down his strongholds.

40 All they that go by spoil him, * and he is become a reproach to his neighbours.

41 Thou hast set up the right hand of his enemies, * and made all his adversaries to rejoice.

42 Thou hast taken away the edge of his sword, * and givest him not victory in the battle.

43 Thou hast put out his glory, * and cast his throne down to the ground.

44 The days of his youth hast thou shortened, * and covered him with dishonour.

45 LORD, how long wilt thou hide thyself? for ever? * and shall thy wrath burn like fire?

46 O remember how short my time is; * wherefore hast thou made all men for nought?

47 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? * and shall he deliver his soul from the power of the grave?

48 Lord, where are thy old loving-kindnesses, * which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?

49 Remember, Lord, the rebuke that thy servants have, * and how I do bear in my bosom the rebukes of many people;

50 Wherewith thine enemies have blasphemed thee, * and slandered the footsteps of thine anointed.

51 Praised be the LORD for evermore. * Amen, and Amen.

BOOK IV

The Eighteenth Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 90. *Domine, refugium.*

LORD, thou hast been our refuge, * from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, * thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction; * again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, * and as a watch in the night.

5 As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep; * and fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green, and groweth up; * but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

7 For we consume away in thy displeasure, * and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

8 Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee; * and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

9 For when thou art angry all our days are gone: * we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

10 The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, * yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

11 But who regardeth the power of thy wrath? * or feareth aright thy indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days, * that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

13 Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last, * and be gracious unto thy servants.

14 O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon: * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us; * and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

16 Show thy servants thy work, * and their children thy glory.

17 And the glorious majesty of the LORD our God be upon us: * prosper thou the work of our hands upon us; O prosper thou our handy-work.

Psalm 91. *Qui habitat.*

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High, * shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say unto the LORD, Thou art my hope, and my strong-hold; * my God, in him will I trust.

3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, * and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers; * his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night, * nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, * nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand; * but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold, * and see the reward of the ungodly.

9 For thou, LORD, art my hope; * thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

10 There shall no evil happen unto thee, * neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, * to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee in their hands, * that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: * the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him; * I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; * yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

Psalm 92. *Bonum est confiteri.*

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, * and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest;

2 To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning, * and of thy truth in the night season;

3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute; * upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy works; * and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

5 O LORD, how glorious are thy works! * thy thoughts are very deep.

6 An unwise man doth not well consider this, * and a fool doth not understand it.

7 When the ungodly are green as the grass, and when all the workers of wickedness do flourish, * then shall they be destroyed for ever; but thou, LORD, art the Most Highest for evermore.

8 For lo, thine enemies, O LORD, lo, thine enemies shall perish; * and all the workers of wickedness shall be destroyed.

9 But my horn shall be exalted like the horn of an unicorn; * for I am anointed with fresh oil.

10 Mine eye also shall see his lust of mine enemies, * and mine ear shall hear his desire of the wicked that arise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree, * and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon.

12 Such as are planted in the house of the LORD, * shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.

13 They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age, * and shall be fat and well-liking;

14 That they may show how true the LORD my strength is, * and that there is no unrighteousness in him.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 93. *Dominus regnavit.*

THE LORD is King, and hath put on glorious apparel; * the LORD hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.
2 He hath made the round world so sure, * that it cannot be moved.
3 Ever since the world began, hath thy seat been prepared: * thou art from everlasting.
4 The floods are risen, O LORD, the floods have lift up their voice; * the floods lift up their waves.
5 The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly; * but yet the LORD, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.
6 Thy testimonies, O LORD, are very sure: * holiness becometh thine house for ever.

Psalm 94. *Deus ultionum.*

O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth, * thou God, to whom vengeance belongeth, show thyself.
2 Arise, thou Judge of the world, * and reward the proud after their deserving.
3 LORD, how long shall the ungodly, * how long shall the ungodly triumph?
4 How long shall all wicked doers speak so disdainfully, * and make such proud boasting?
5 They smite down thy people, O LORD, * and trouble thine heritage.
6 They murder the widow and the stranger, * and put the fatherless to death.
7 And yet they say, Tush, the LORD shall not see, * neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.
8 Take heed, ye unwise among the people: * O ye fools, when will ye understand?

9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? * or he that made the eye, shall he not see?

10 Or he that instructeth the heathen, * it is he that teacheth man knowledge; shall not he punish?

11 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, * that they are but vain.

12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, * and teachest him in thy law;

13 That thou mayest give him patience in time of adversity, * until the pit be digged up for the ungodly.

14 For the LORD will not fail his people; * neither will he forsake his inheritance;

15 Until righteousness turn again unto judgment: * all such as are true in heart shall follow it.

16 Who will rise up with me against the wicked? * or who will take my part against the evil doers?

17 If the LORD had not helped me, * it had not failed, but my soul had been put to silence.

18 But when I said, My foot hath slipt; * thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.

19 In the multitude of the sorrows that I had in my heart, * thy comforts have refreshed my soul.

20 Wilt thou have any thing to do with the throne of wickedness, * which imagineth mischief as a law?

21 They gather them together against the soul of the righteous, * and condemn the innocent blood.

22 But the LORD is my refuge, * and my God is the strength of my confidence.

23 He shall recompense them their wickedness, and destroy them in their own malice; * yea, the LORD our God shall destroy them.

The Ninteenth Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 95. *Venite, exultemus.*

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD; * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; * and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God; * and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth; * and the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it; * and his hands prepared the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and fall down, * and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God; * and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

8 To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts * as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

9 When your fathers tempted me, * proved me, and saw my works.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, * It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways:

11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath, * that they should not enter into my rest.

Psalm 96. *Cantate Domino.*

O SING unto the LORD a new song; * sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing unto the LORD, and praise his Name; * be telling of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his honour unto the heathen, * and his wonders unto all peoples.

4 For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised; * he is
more to be feared than all gods.
5 As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols; * but it
is the Lord that made the heavens.
6 Glory and worship are before him; * power and honour are
in his sanctuary.
7 Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the peoples, *
ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.
8 Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name; *
bring presents, and come into his courts.
9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole
earth stand in awe of him.
10 Tell it out among the heathen, that the Lord is King, and
that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be
moved; * and how that he shall judge the peoples righteously.
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; * let the
sea make a noise, and all that therein is.
12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; * then shall all the
trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.
13 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; * and
with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his
truth.

Psalm 97. *Dominus regnavit.*

THE Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof; * yea, the
multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.
2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: * righteousness
and judgment are the habitation of his seat.
3 There shall go a fire before him, * and burn up his enemies
on every side.
4 His lightnings gave shine unto the world: * the earth saw it,
and was afraid.
5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord; * at
the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6 The heavens have declared his righteousness, * and all the
peoples have seen his glory.

7 Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods: * worship him, all ye gods.

8 Sion heard of it, and rejoiced; and the daughters of Judah were glad, * because of thy judgments, O Lord.

9 For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth: * thou art exalted far above all gods.

10 O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil: * the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

11 There is sprung up a light for the righteous, * and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; * and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 98. *Cantate Domino.*

O SING unto the Lord a new song; * for he hath done marvelous things.

2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, * hath he gotten himself the victory.

3 The Lord declared his salvation; * his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; * and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

5 Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands; * sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

6 Praise the Lord upon the harp; * sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

7 With trumpets also and shawms, * O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.

8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is; * the round world, and they that dwell therein.

9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord; * for he is come to judge the earth.

10 With righteousness shall he judge the world, * and the peoples with equity.

Psalm 99. *Dominus regnavit.*

THE LORD is King, be the people never so impatient; * he sitteth between the Cherubim, be the earth never so unquiet.
2 The LORD is great in Sion, * and high above all people.
3 They shall give thanks unto thy Name, * which is great, wonderful, and holy.
4 The King's power loveth judgment; thou hast prepared equity, * thou hast executed judgment and righteousness in Jacob.
5 O magnify the LORD our God, and fall down before his footstool; * for he is holy.
6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name: * these called upon the LORD, and he heard them.
7 He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar; * for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.
8 Thou heardest them, O LORD our God; * thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst punish their wicked doings.
9 O magnify the LORD our God, and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the LORD our God is holy.

Psalm 100. *Jubilate Deo.*

O BE joyful in the LORD, all ye lands: * serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
2 Be ye sure that the LORD he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; * we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; * be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
4 For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; * and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Psalm 101. *Misericordiam et judicium.*

MY song shall be of mercy and judgment; * unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

2 O let me have understanding * in the way of godliness!

3 When wilt thou come unto me? * I will walk in my house with a perfect heart.

4 I will take no wicked thing in hand; I hate the sins of unfaithfulness; * there shall no such cleave unto me.

5 A froward heart shall depart from me; * I will not know a wicked person.

6 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, * him will I destroy.

7 Whoso hath also a haughty look and a proud heart, * I will not suffer him.

8 Mine eyes look upon such as are faithful in the land, * that they may dwell with me.

9 Whoso leadeth a godly life, * he shall be my servant.

10 There shall no deceitful person dwell in my house; * he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

11 I shall soon destroy all the ungodly that are in the land; * that I may root out all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

THE TWENTIETH DAY

Morning Prayer

Psalm 102. *Domine, exaudi.*

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, * and let my crying come unto thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble; * incline thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me, and that right soon.

3 For my days are consumed away like smoke, * and my bones are burnt up as it were a firebrand.

4 My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass; * so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 For the voice of my groaning, * my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh.

6 I am become like a pelican in the wilderness, * and like an owl that is in the desert.

7 I have watched, and am even as it were a sparrow, * that sitteth alone upon the housetop.

8 Mine enemies revile me all the day long; * and they that are mad upon me are sworn together against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes as it were bread, * and mingled my drink with weeping;

10 And that, because of thine indignation and wrath; * for thou hast taken me up, and cast me down.

11 My days are gone like a shadow, * and I am withered like grass.

12 But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever, * and thy remembrance throughout all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion; * for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

14 And why? thy servants think upon her stones, * and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.

15 The nations shall fear thy Name, O Lord; * and all the kings of the earth thy majesty;

16 When the Lord shall build up Sion, * and when his glory shall appear;

17 When he turneth him unto the prayer of the poor destitute, * and despiseth not their desire.

18 This shall be written for those that come after, * and the people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.

19 For he hath looked down from his sanctuary; * out of the heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

20 That he might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity, * and deliver them that are appointed unto death;

21 That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Sion, * and his worship at Jerusalem;

22 When the peoples are gathered together, * and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.

23 He brought down my strength in my journey, * and shortened my days.

24 But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age; * as for thy years, they endure throughout all generations.

25 Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth, * and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: * they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

27 And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed; * but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

28 The children of thy servants shall continue, * and their seed shall stand fast in thy sight.

Psalm 103. *Benedic, anima mea.*

PRAISE the LORD, O my soul; * and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.

2 Praise the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgiveth all thy sin, * and healeth all thine infirmities;

4 Who saveth thy life from destruction, * and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, * making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment * for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

7 He showed his ways unto Moses, * his works unto the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9 He will not alway be chiding; * neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; * nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; * so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

12 Look how wide also the east is from the west; * so far hath he set our sins from us.

13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; * even so is the LORD merciful unto them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth whereof we are made; * he remembereth that we are but dust.

15 The days of man are but as grass; * for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; * and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him; * and his righteousness upon children's children;

18 Even upon such as keep his covenant, * and think upon his commandments to do them.

19 The LORD hath prepared his seat in heaven, * and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 O praise the LORD, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength; * ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word.

21 O praise the LORD, all ye his hosts; * ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

22 O speak good of the LORD, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: * praise thou the LORD, O my soul.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 104. *Benedic, anima mea.*

PRAISE the LORD, O my soul: * O LORD my God, thou art become exceeding glorious; thou art clothed with majesty and honour.

2 Thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment, * and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.

3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters, * and maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the wind.

4 He maketh his angels winds, * and his ministers a flaming fire.

5 He laid the foundations of the earth, * that it never should move at any time.

6 Thou coveredst it with the deep like as with a garment; * the waters stand above the hills.

7 At thy rebuke they flee; * at the voice of thy thunder they haste away.

8 They go up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath; * even unto the place which thou hast appointed for them.

9 Thou hast set them their bounds, which they shall not pass, * neither turn again to cover the earth.

10 He sendeth the springs into the rivers, * which run among the hills.

11 All beasts of the field drink thereof, * and the wild asses quench their thirst.

12 Beside them shall the fowls of the air have their habitation, * and sing among the branches.

13 He watereth the hills from above; * the earth is filled with the fruit of thy works.

14 He bringeth forth grass for the cattle, * and green herb for the service of men;

15 That he may bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man; * and oil to make him a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen man's heart.

16 The trees of the LORD also are full of sap; * even the cedars of Lebanon which he hath planted;

17 Wherein the birds make their nests; * and the fir-trees are a dwelling for the stork.

18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; * and so are the stony rocks for the conies.

19 He appointed the moon for certain seasons, * and the sun knoweth his going down.

20 Thou makest darkness that it may be night; * wherein all the beasts of the forest do move.

21 The lions, roaring after their prey, * do seek their meat from God.

22 The sun ariseth, and they get them away together, * and lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth to his work, and to his labour, * until the evening.

24 O Lord, how manifold are thy works! * in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

25 So is the great and wide sea also; * wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships, and there is that leviathan, * whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

27 These wait all upon thee, * that thou mayest give them meat in due season.

28 When thou givest it them, they gather it; * and when thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good.

29 When thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: * when thou takest away their breath, they die, and are turned again to their dust.

30 When thou lettest thy breath go forth, they shall be made; * and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

31 The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever; * the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

32 The earth shall tremble at the look of him; * if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.

33 I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; * I will praise my God while I have my being.

34 And so shall my words please him: * my joy shall be in the Lord.

35 As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, * and the ungodly shall come to an end.

36 Praise thou the Lord, O my soul. * Praise the Lord.

The Twenty-first Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 105. *Confitemini Domino.*

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name; * tell the people what things he hath done.

2 O let your songs be of him, and praise him; * and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.

3 Rejoice in his holy Name; * let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

4 Seek the Lord and his strength; * seek his face evermore.

5 Remember the marvellous works that he hath done; * his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, * ye children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the Lord our God; * his judgments are in all the world.

8 He hath been alway mindful of his covenant and promise, * that he made to a thousand generations;

9 Even the covenant that he made with Abraham; * and the oath that he sware unto Isaac;

10 And appointed the same unto Jacob for a law, * and to Israel for an everlasting testament;

11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, * the lot of your inheritance:

12 When there were yet but a few of them, * and they strangers in the land;

13 What time as they went from one nation to another, * from one kingdom to another people;

14 He suffered no man to do them wrong, * but reproved even kings for their sakes;

15 Touch not mine anointed, * and do my prophets no harm.

16 Moreover, he called for a dearth upon the land, * and destroyed all the provision of bread.

17 But he had sent a man before them, * even Joseph, who was sold to be a bond-servant;

18 Whose feet they hurt in the stocks; * the iron entered into his
soul;
19 Until the time came that his cause was known: * the word of
the LORD tried him.
20 The king sent, and delivered him; * the prince of the people
let him go free.
21 He made him lord also of his house, * and ruler of all his
substance;
22 That he might inform his princes after his will, * and teach
his senators wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Egypt, * and Jacob was a stranger in the
land of Ham.
24 And he increased his people exceedingly, * and made them
stronger than their enemies;
25 Whose heart turned so, that they hated his people, * and
dealt untruly with his servants.
26 Then sent he Moses his servant, * and Aaron whom he had
chosen.
27 And these showed his tokens among them, * and wonders in
the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and it was dark; * and they were not
obedient unto his word.
29 He turned their waters into blood, * and slew their fish.
30 Their land brought forth frogs; * yea, even in their kings'
chambers.
31 He spake the word, and there came all manner of flies, * and
lice in all their quarters.
32 He gave them hailstones for rain; * and flames of fire in their
land.
33 He smote their vines also and fig-trees; * and destroyed the
trees that were in their coasts.
34 He spake the word, and the grasshoppers came, and cater-
pillars innumerable, * and did eat up all the grass in their land, and
devoured the fruit of their ground.
35 He smote all the firstborn in their land; * even the chief of all
their strength.

36 He brought them forth also with silver and gold; * there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

37 Egypt was glad at their departing; * for they were afraid of them.

38 He spread out a cloud to be a covering, * and fire to give light in the night season.

39 At their desire he brought quails; * and he filled them with the bread of heaven.

40 He opened the rock of stone, and the waters flowed out, * so that rivers ran in the dry places.

41 For why? he remembered his holy promise; * and Abraham his servant.

42 And he brought forth his people with joy, * and his chosen with gladness;

43 And gave them the lands of the heathen; * and they took the labours of the people in possession;

44 That they might keep his statutes, * and observe his laws.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 106. *Confitemini Domino.*

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for he is gracious, * and his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Who can express the noble acts of the LORD, * or show forth all his praise?

3 Blessed are they that alway keep judgment, * and do righteousness.

4 Remember me, O LORD, according to the favour that thou bearest unto thy people; * O visit me with thy salvation;

5 That I may see the felicity of thy chosen, * and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers; * we have done amiss, and dealt wickedly.

7 Our fathers regarded not thy wonders in Egypt, neither kept they thy great goodness in remembrance; * but were disobedient at the sea, even at the Red Sea.

8 Nevertheless, he helped them for his Name's sake, * that he might make his power to be known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up; * so he led them through the deep, as through a wilderness.

10 And he saved them from the adversary's hand, * and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.

11 As for those that troubled them, the waters overwhelmed them; * there was not one of them left.

12 Then believed they his words, * and sang praise unto him.

13 But within a while they forgat his works, * and would not abide his counsel.

14 But lust came upon them in the wilderness, * and they tempted God in the desert.

15 And he gave them their desire, * and sent leanness withal into their soul.

16 They angered Moses also in the tents, * and Aaron the saint of the LORD.

17 So the earth opened, and swallowed up Dathan, * and covered the congregation of Abiram.

18 And the fire was kindled in their company; * the flame burnt up the ungodly.

19 They made a calf in Horeb, * and worshipped the molten image.

20 Thus they turned their glory * into the similitude of a calf that eateth hay.

21 And they forgat God their Saviour, * who had done so great things in Egypt;

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham; * and fearful things by the Red Sea.

23 So he said he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the gap, * to turn away his wrathful indignation, lest he should destroy them.

24 Yea, they thought scorn of that pleasant land, * and gave no credence unto his word;

25 But murmured in their tents, * and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.

26 Then lift he up his hand against them, * to overthrow them in the wilderness;

27 To cast out their seed among the nations, * and to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves unto Baal-peor, * and ate the offerings of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their own inventions; * and the plague was great among them.

30 Then stood up Phinehas, and interposed; * and so the plague ceased.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness, * among all posterities for evermore.

32 They angered him also at the waters of strife, * so that he punished Moses for their sakes;

33 Because they provoked his spirit, * so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 Neither destroyed they the heathen, * as the LORD commanded them;

35 But were mingled among the heathen, * and learned their works.

36 Insomuch that they worshipped their idols, which became a snare unto them; * yea, they offered their sons and their daughters unto devils;

37 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, * whom they offered unto the idols of Canaan; and the land was defiled with blood.

38 Thus were they stained with their own works, * and went a whoring with their own inventions.

39 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, * insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

40 And he gave them over into the hand of the heathen; * and they that hated them were lords over them.

41 Their enemies oppressed them, * and had them in subjection.

42 Many a time did he deliver them; * but they rebelled against him with their own inventions, and were brought down in their wickedness.

43 Nevertheless, when he saw their adversity, * he heard their complaint.

44 He thought upon his covenant, and pitied them, according unto the multitude of his mercies; * yea, he made all those that led them away captive to pity them.

45 Deliver us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the heathen; * that we may give thanks unto thy holy Name, and make our boast of thy praise.

46 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, from everlasting, and world without end; * And let all the people say, Amen.

BOOK V

The Twenty-second Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 107. *Confitemini Domino.*

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, * and his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed, * and delivered from the hand of the enemy;

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west; * from the north, and from the south.

4 They went astray in the wilderness out of the way, * and found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, * their soul fainted in them.

6 So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

7 He led them forth by the right way, * that they might go to the city where they dwelt.

8 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness; * and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!

9 For he satisfieth the empty soul, * and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

10 Such as sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, * being
fast bound in misery and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of the Lord, * and
lightly regarded the counsel of the Most Highest;

12 He also brought down their heart through heaviness: * they
fell down, and there was none to help them.

13 So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, * he
delivered them out of their distress.

14 For he brought them out of darkness, and out of the shadow
of death, * and brake their bonds in sunder.

15 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his good-
ness; * and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of
men!

16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, * and smitten the bars
of iron in sunder.

17 Foolish men are plagued for their offence, * and because of
their wickedness.

18 Their soul abhorred all manner of meat, * and they were
even hard at death's door.

19 So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, * he
delivered them out of their distress.

20 He sent his word, and healed them; * and they were saved
from their destruction.

21 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his good-
ness; * and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of
men!

22 That they would offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiv-
ing, * and tell out his works with gladness!

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, * and occupy their
business in great waters;

24 These men see the works of the Lord, * and his wonders in
the deep.

25 For at his word the stormy wind ariseth, * which lifteth up
the waves thereof.

26 They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the
deep; * their soul melteth away because of the trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, * and are at their wit's end.

28 So when they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, * he delivereth them out of their distress.

29 For he maketh the storm to cease, * so that the waves thereof are still.

30 Then are they glad, because they are at rest; * and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.

31 O that men would therefore praise the LORD for his goodness; * and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!

32 That they would exalt him also in the congregation of the people, * and praise him in the seat of the elders!

33 He turneth the floods into a wilderness, * and drieth up the water-springs.

34 A fruitful land maketh he barren, * for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

35 Again, he maketh the wilderness a standing water, * and water-springs of a dry ground.

36 And there he setteth the hungry, * that they may build them a city to dwell in;

37 That they may sow their land, and plant vineyards, * to yield them fruits of increase.

38 He blesseth them, so that they multiply exceedingly; * and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

39 And again, when they are minished and brought low * through oppression, through any plague or trouble;

40 Though he suffer them to be evil entreated through tyrants, * and let them wander out of the way in the wilderness;

41 Yet helpeth he the poor out of misery, * and maketh him households like a flock of sheep.

42 The righteous will consider this, and rejoice; * and the mouth of all wickedness shall be stopped.

43 Whoso is wise, will ponder these things; * and they shall understand the loving-kindness of the LORD.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 108. *Paratum cor meum.*

O GOD, my heart is ready, my heart is ready; * I will sing, and give praise with the best member that I have.

2 Awake, thou lute and harp; * I myself will awake right early.

3 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the peoples; * I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4 For thy mercy is greater than the heavens, * and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

5 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens, * and thy glory above all the earth;

6 That thy beloved may be delivered: * let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.

7 God hath spoken in his holiness; * I will rejoice therefore, and divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim also is the strength of my head; Judah is my lawgiver;

9 Moab is my wash-pot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; * upon Philistia will I triumph.

10 Who will lead me into the strong city? * and who will bring me into Edom?

11 Hast not thou forsaken us, O God? * and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

12 O help us against the enemy: * for vain is the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do great acts; * and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

Psalm 109. *Deus, laudem.*

HOLD not thy tongue, O God of my praise; * for the mouth of the ungodly, yea, the mouth of the deceitful is opened upon me.

2 And they have spoken against me with false tongues; * they compassed me about also with words of hatred, and fought against me without a cause.

3 For the love that I had unto them, lo, they take now my contrary part; * but I give myself unto prayer.

4 Thus have they rewarded me evil for good, * and hatred for my good will.

5 Set thou an ungodly man to be ruler over him, * and let an adversary stand at his right hand.

6 When sentence is given upon him, let him be condemned; * and let his prayer be turned into sin.

7 Let his days be few; * and let another take his office.

8 Let his children be fatherless, * and his wife a widow.

9 Let his children be vagabonds, and beg their bread; * let them seek it also out of desolate places.

10 Let the extortioner consume all that he hath; * and let the stranger spoil his labour.

11 Let there be no man to pity him, * nor to have compassion upon his fatherless children.

12 Let his posterity be destroyed; * and in the next generation let his name be clean put out.

13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be had in remembrance in the sight of the Lord; * and let not the sin of his mother be done away.

14 Let them alway be before the Lord, * that he may root out the memorial of them from off the earth;

15 And that, because his mind was not to do good; * but persecuted the poor helpless man, that he might slay him that was vexed at the heart.

16 His delight was in cursing, and it shall happen unto him; * he loved not blessing, therefore shall it be far from him.

17 He clothed himself with cursing like as with a raiment, * and it shall come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

18 Let it be unto him as the cloak that he hath upon him, * and as the girdle that he is alway girded withal.

19 Let it thus happen from the Lord unto mine enemies, * and to those that speak evil against my soul.

20 But deal thou with me, O Lord God, according unto thy Name; * for sweet is thy mercy.

21 O deliver me, for I am helpless and poor, * and my heart is wounded within me.

22 I go hence like the shadow that departeth, * and am driven away as the grasshopper.

23 My knees are weak through fasting; * my flesh is dried up for want of fatness.

24 I am become also a reproach unto them: * they that look upon me shake their heads.

25 Help me, O LORD my God; * O save me according to thy mercy;

26 And they shall know how that this is thy hand, * and that thou, LORD, hast done it.

27 Though they curse, yet bless thou; * and let them be confounded that rise up against me; but let thy servant rejoice.

28 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame; * and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a cloak.

29 As for me, I will give great thanks unto the LORD with my mouth, * and praise him among the multitude;

30 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, * to save his soul from unrighteous judges.

THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY

Morning Prayer

Psalm 110. *Dixit Dominus.*

THE LORD said unto my Lord, * Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion: * be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.

3 In the day of thy power shall thy people offer themselves willingly with an holy worship: * thy young men come to thee as dew from the womb of the morning.

4 The LORD sware, and will not repent, * Thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

5 The Lord upon thy right hand * shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen; * he shall fill the places with the dead bodies, and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way; * therefore shall he lift up his head.

Psalm 111. *Confitebor tibi.*

I WILL give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart, * secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

2 The works of the LORD are great, * sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3 His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour, * and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 The merciful and gracious LORD hath so done his marvellous works, * that they ought to be had in remembrance.

5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him; * he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.

6 He hath showed his people the power of his works, * that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; * all his commandments are true.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * and are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption unto his people; * he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; * a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; his praise endureth for ever.

Psalm 112. *Beatus vir.*

BLESSED is the man that feareth the LORD; * he hath great delight in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth; * the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

3 Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house; * and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness; * he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

5 A good man is merciful, and lendeth; * and will guide his words with discretion.

6 For he shall never be moved: * and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

7 He will not be afraid of any evil tidings; * for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the LORD.

8 His heart is stablished, and will not shrink, * until he see his desire upon his enemies.

9 He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor. * and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

10 The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him; * he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 113. *Laudate, pueri.*

PRAISE the LORD, ye servants; * O praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Blessed be the Name of the LORD * from this time forth for evermore.

3 The LORD's Name is praised * from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto the LORD our God, that hath his dwelling so high, * and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth!

6 He taketh up the simple out of the dust, * and lifteth the poor out of the mire;

7 That he may set him with the princes, * even with the princes of his people.

8 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, * and to be a joyful mother of children.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 114. *In exitu Israel.*

WHEN Israel came out of Egypt, * and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,

2 Judah was his sanctuary, * and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw that, and fled; * Jordan was driven back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, * and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? * and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams? * and ye little hills, like young sheep?

7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord: * at the presence of the God of Jacob;

8 Who turned the hard rock into a standing water, * and the flint-stone into a springing well.

Psalm 115. *Non nobis, Domine.*

NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise; * for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

2 Wherefore shall the heathen say, * Where is now their God?

3 As for our God, he is in heaven: * he hath done whatsoever pleased him.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, * even the work of men's hands.

5 They have mouths, and speak not; * eyes have they, and see not.

6 They have ears, and hear not; * noses have they, and smell not.

7 They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not; * neither speak they through their throat.

8 They that make them are like unto them; * and so are all such as put their trust in them.

9 But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the LORD; * he is their helper and defender.

10 Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the LORD; * he is their helper and defender.

11 Ye that fear the LORD, put your trust in the LORD; * he is their helper and defender.

12 The LORD hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us; * even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.

13 He shall bless them that fear the LORD, * both small and great.

14 The LORD shall increase you more and more, * you and your children.

15 Ye are the blessed of the LORD, * who made heaven and earth.

16 All the whole heavens are the LORD's; * the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 The dead praise not thee, O LORD, * neither all they that go down into silence.

18 But we will praise the LORD, * from this time forth for evermore. Praise the LORD.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY

Morning Prayer

Psalm 116. *Dilexi, quoniam.*

MY delight is in the LORD * because he hath heard the voice of my prayer;

2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me; * therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3 The snares of death compassed me round about, * and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

4 I found trouble and heaviness; then called I upon the Name of the LORD; * O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; * yea, our God is merciful.

6 The LORD preserveth the simple: * I was in misery, and he helped me.

7 Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul; * for the LORD hath rewarded thee.

8 And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, * mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9 I will walk before the LORD * in the land of the living.

10 I believed, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled: * I said in my haste, All men are liars.

11 What reward shall I give unto the LORD * for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

12 I will receive the cup of salvation, * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

13 I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people: * right dear in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

14 Behold, O LORD, how that I am thy servant; * I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

15 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, * and will call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will pay my vows unto the LORD, in the sight of all his people, * in the courts of the LORD's house; even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

Psalm 117. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE the LORD, all ye nations; * praise him, all ye peoples.

2 For his merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us; * and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise the LORD.

Psalm 118. *Confitemini Domino.*

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious; * because his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let Israel now confess that he is gracious, * and that his mercy endureth for ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now confess, * that his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Yea, let them now that fear the LORD confess, * that his mercy endureth for ever.

5 I called upon the LORD in trouble; * and the LORD heard me at large.

6 The LORD is on my side; * I will not fear what man doeth unto me.

7 The LORD taketh my part with them that help me; * therefore shall I see my desire upon mine enemies.

8 It is better to trust in the LORD, * than to put any confidence in man.

9 It is better to trust in the LORD, * than to put any confidence in princes.

10 All nations compassed me round about; * but in the Name of the LORD will I destroy them.

11 They kept me in on every side, they kept me in, I say, on every side; * but in the Name of the LORD will I destroy them.

12 They came about me like bees, and are extinct even as the fire among the thorns; * for in the Name of the LORD I will destroy them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at me, that I might fall; * but the LORD was my help.

14 The LORD is my strength, and my song; * and is become my salvation.

15 The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous; * the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.

16 The right hand of the LORD hath the pre-eminence; * the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.

17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD hath chastened and corrected me; * but he hath not given me over unto death.

19 Open me the gates of righteousness, * that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the LORD.

20 This is the gate of the LORD, * the righteous shall enter into it.

21 I will thank thee; for thou hast heard me, * and art become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders refused, * is become the head-stone in the corner.

23 This is the LORD's doing, * and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the LORD hath made; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Help me now, O LORD: * O LORD, send us now prosperity.

26 Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the LORD: * we have wished you good luck, we that are of the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD, who hath showed us light: * bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.

28 Thou art my God, and I will thank thee; * thou art my God, and I will praise thee.

29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is gracious, * and his mercy endureth for ever.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 119. I. *Beati immaculati.*

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way, * and walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, * and seek him with their whole heart;

3 Even they who do no wickedness, * and walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast charged * that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

5 O that my ways were made so direct, * that I might keep thy statutes!

6 So shall I not be confounded, * while I have respect unto all thy commandments.

7 I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart, * when I shall have learned the judgments of thy righteousness.

8 I will keep thy statutes; * O forsake me not utterly.

II. *In quo corrigit?*

WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way? * even by ruling himself after thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee; * O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

11 Thy word have I hid within my heart, * that I should not sin
against thee.
12 Blessed art thou, O LORD; * O teach me thy statutes.
13 With my lips have I been telling * of all the judgments of thy
mouth.
14 I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies, * as
in all manner of riches.
15 I will talk of thy commandments, * and have respect unto
thy ways.
16 My delight shall be in thy statutes, * and I will not forget thy
word.

III. *Retribue servo tuo.*

O DO well unto thy servant; * that I may live, and keep thy
word.
18 Open thou mine eyes; * that I may see the wondrous things
of thy law.
19 I am a stranger upon earth; * O hide not thy command-
ments from me.
20 My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire * that it hath
alway unto thy judgments.
21 Thou hast rebuked the proud; * and cursed are they that do
err from thy commandments.
22 O turn from me shame and rebuke; * for I have kept thy
testimonies.
23 Princes also did sit and speak against me; * but thy servant is
occupied in thy statutes.
24 For thy testimonies are my delight, * and my counsellors.

IV. *Adhaesit pavimento.*

MY soul cleaveth to the dust; * O quicken thou me, according
to thy word.
26 I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me: * O
teach me thy statutes.
27 Make me to understand the way of thy commandments; *
and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.
28 My soul melteth away for very heaviness; * comfort thou me
according unto thy word.

29 Take from me the way of lying, * and cause thou me to make much of thy law.

30 I have chosen the way of truth, * and thy judgments have I laid before me.

31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies; * O Lord, confound me not.

32 I will run the way of thy commandments, * when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

The Twenty-fifth Day

Morning Prayer

V. *Legem pone.*

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, * and I shall keep it unto the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; * yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; * for therein is my desire.

36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, * and not to covetousness.

37 O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity; * and quicken thou me in thy way.

38 O stablish thy word in thy servant, * that I may fear thee.

39 Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of; * for thy judgments are good.

40 Behold, my delight is in thy commandments; * O quicken me in thy righteousness.

VI. *Et veniat super me.*

LET thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord, * even thy salvation, according unto thy word.

42 So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers; * for my trust is in thy word.

43 O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth; * for my hope is in thy judgments.

44 So shall I alway keep thy law; * yea, for ever and ever.

45 And I will walk at liberty; * for I seek thy commandments.

46 I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before kings, * and will not be ashamed.

47 And my delight shall be in thy commandments, * which I have loved.

48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; * and my study shall be in thy statutes.

VII. *Memor esto verbi tui.*

O THINK upon thy servant, as concerning thy word, * wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.

50 The same is my comfort in my trouble; * for thy word hath quickened me.

51 The proud have had me exceedingly in derision; * yet have I not shrinked from thy law.

52 For I remembered thine everlasting judgments, O LORD, * and received comfort.

53 I am horribly afraid, * for the ungodly that forsake thy law.

54 Thy statutes have been my songs, * in the house of my pilgrimage.

55 I have thought upon thy Name, O LORD, in the night season, * and have kept thy law.

56 This I had, * because I kept thy commandments.

VIII. *Portio mea, Domine.*

THOU art my portion, O LORD; * I have promised to keep thy law.

58 I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart; * O be merciful unto me, according to thy word.

59 I called mine own ways to remembrance, * and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

60 I made haste, and prolonged not the time, * to keep thy commandments.

61 The snares of the ungodly have compassed me about; * but I have not forgotten thy law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee, * because of thy righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, * and keep thy commandments.

64 The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: * O teach me thy statutes.

IX. *Bonitatem fecisti.*

O LORD, thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant, * according unto thy word.

66 O teach me true understanding and knowledge; * for I have believed thy commandments.

67 Before I was troubled, I went wrong; * but now have I kept thy word.

68 Thou art good and gracious; * O teach me thy statutes.

69 The proud have imagined a lie against me; * but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.

70 Their heart is as fat as brawn; * but my delight hath been in thy law.

71 It is good for me that I have been in trouble; * that I may learn thy statutes.

72 The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me * than thousands of gold and silver.

Evening Prayer

X. *Manus tuae fecerunt me.*

THY hands have made me and fashioned me: * O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; * because I have put my trust in thy word.

75 I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, * and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

76 O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort, * according to thy word unto thy servant.

77 O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live; * for thy law is my delight.

78 Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me; * but I will be occupied in thy commandments.

79 Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies, * be turned unto me.

80 O let my heart be sound in thy statutes, * that I be not ashamed.

XI. *Defecit anima mea.*

MY soul hath longed for thy salvation, * and I have a good hope because of thy word.

82 Mine eyes long sore for thy word; * saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?

83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; * yet do I not forget thy statutes.

84 How many are the days of thy servant? * when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?

85 The proud have digged pits for me, * which are not after thy law.

86 All thy commandments are true: * they persecute me falsely; O be thou my help.

87 They had almost made an end of me upon earth; * but I forsook not thy commandments.

88 O quicken me after thy loving-kindness; * and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

XII. *In aeternum, Domine.*

LORD, thy word * endureth for ever in heaven.

90 Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another; * thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

91 They continue this day according to thine ordinance; * for all things serve thee.

92 If my delight had not been in thy law, * I should have perished in my trouble.

93 I will never forget thy commandments; * for with them thou hast quickened me.

94 I am thine: O save me, * for I have sought thy commandments.

95 The ungodly laid wait for me, to destroy me; * but I will consider thy testimonies.

96 I see that all things come to an end; * but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

XIII. *Quomodo dilexi!*

LORD, what love have I unto thy law! * all the day long is my study in it.

98 Thou, through thy commandments, hast made me wiser than mine enemies; * for they are ever with me.

99 I have more understanding than my teachers; * for thy testimonies are my study.

100 I am wiser than the aged; * because I keep thy commandments.

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep thy word.

102 I have not shrunk from thy judgments; * for thou teachest me.

103 O how sweet are thy words unto my throat; * yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth!

104 Through thy commandments I get understanding: * therefore I hate all evil ways.

The Twenty-sixth Day

Morning Prayer

XIV. *Lucerna pedibus meis.*

THY word is a lantern unto my feet, * and a light unto my paths.

106 I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed, * to keep thy righteous judgments.

107 I am troubled above measure: * quicken me, O LORD, according to thy word.

108 Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O LORD; * and teach me thy judgments.

109 My soul is alway in my hand; * yet do I not forget thy law.

110 The ungodly have laid a snare for me; * but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.

111 Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever; * and why? they are the very joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfil thy statutes alway, * even unto the end.

XV. *Iniquos odio habui.*

I HATE them that imagine evil things; * but thy law do I love.

114 Thou art my defence and shield; * and my trust is in thy word.

115 Away from me, ye wicked; * I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 O stablish me according to thy word, that I may live; * and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe; * yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.

118 Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes; * for they imagine but deceit.

119 Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross; * therefore I love thy testimonies.

120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; * and I am afraid of thy judgments.

XVI. *Feci judicium.*

I DEAL with the thing that is lawful and right; * O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

122 Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good, * that the proud do me no wrong.

123 Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health, * and for the word of thy righteousness.

124 O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy, * and teach me thy statutes.

125 I am thy servant; O grant me understanding, * that I may know thy testimonies.

126 It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to thine hand; * for they have destroyed thy law.

127 For I love thy commandments * above gold and precious stones.

128 Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments; * and all false ways I utterly abhor.

XVII. *Mirabilia.*

THY testimonies are wonderful; * therefore doth my soul keep them.

130 When thy word goeth forth, * it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

131 I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath; * for my delight was in thy commandments.

132 O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, * as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.

133 Order my steps in thy word; * and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

134 O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men; * and so shall I keep thy commandments.

135 Show the light of thy countenance upon thy servant, * and teach me thy statutes.

136 Mine eyes gush out with water, * because men keep not thy law.

XVIII. *Justus es, Domine.*

RIGHTEOUS art thou, O LORD; * and true are thy judgments.

138 The testimonies that thou hast commanded * are exceeding righteous and true.

139 My zeal hath even consumed me; * because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

140 Thy word is tried to the uttermost, * and thy servant loveth it.

141 I am small and of no reputation; * yet do I not forget thy commandments.

142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, * and thy law is the truth.

143 Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me; * yet is my delight in thy commandments.

144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: * O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

Evening Prayer

XIX. *Clamavi in toto corde meo.*

I CALL with my whole heart; * hear me, O LORD; I will keep thy statutes.

146 Yea, even unto thee do I call; * help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

147 Early in the morning do I cry unto thee; * for in thy word is my trust.

148 Mine eyes prevent the night watches; * that I might be occupied in thy word.

149 Hear my voice, O LORD, according unto thy loving-kindness; * quicken me, according to thy judgments.

150 They draw nigh that of malice persecute me, * and are far from thy law.

151 Be thou nigh at hand, O LORD; * for all thy commandments are true.

152 As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since, * that thou hast grounded them for ever.

XX. *Vide humilitatem.*

O CONSIDER mine adversity, and deliver me, * for I do not forget thy law.

154 Avenge thou my cause, and deliver me; * quicken me according to thy word.

155 Health is far from the ungodly; * for they regard not thy statutes.

156 Great is thy mercy, O LORD; * quicken me, as thou art wot.

157 Many there are that trouble me, and persecute me; * yet do I not swerve from thy testimonies.

158 It grieveth me when I see the transgressors; * because they keep not thy law.

159 Consider, O LORD, how I love thy commandments; * O quicken me, according to thy loving-kindness.

160 Thy word is true from everlasting; * all the judgments of thy righteousness endure for evermore.

XXI. *Principes persecuti sunt.*

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause; * but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

162 I am as glad of thy word, * as one that findeth great spoils.

163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them; * but thy law do I love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise thee; * because of thy righteous judgments.

165 Great is the peace that they have who love thy law; * and they have none occasion of stumbling.

166 LORD, I have looked for thy saving health, * and done after thy commandments.

167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies, * and loved them exceedingly.

168 I have kept thy commandments and testimonies; * for all my ways are before thee.

XXII. *Appropinquet deprecatio.*

LET my complaint come before thee, O LORD; * give me understanding according to thy word.

170 Let my supplication come before thee; * deliver me according to thy word.

171 My lips shall speak of thy praise, * when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

172 Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word; * for all thy commandments are righteous.

173 Let thine hand help me; * for I have chosen thy commandments.

174 I have longed for thy saving health, O LORD; * and in thy law is my delight.

175 O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; * and thy judgments shall help me.

176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; * O seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

The Twenty-seventh Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 120. *Ad Dominum.*

WHEN I was in trouble, I called upon the Lord, * and he heard me.

2 Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, * and from a deceitful tongue.

3 What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false tongue? * even mighty and sharp arrows, with hot burning coals.

4 Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Meshech, * and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar!

5 My soul hath long dwelt among them * that are enemies unto peace.

6 I labour for peace; but when I speak unto them thereof, * they make them ready to battle.

Psalm 121. *Levavi oculos.*

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills; * from whence cometh my help?

2 My help cometh even from the Lord, * who hath made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; * and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord himself is thy keeper; * the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, * neither the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; * yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, * from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 122. *Laetatus sum.*

I WAS glad when they said unto me, * We will go into the house of the LORD.

2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates, * O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity in itself.

4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD, * to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the LORD.

5 For there is the seat of judgment, * even the seat of the house of David.

6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; * they shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls, * and plenteousness within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, * I will wish thee prosperity.

9 Yea, because of the house of the LORD our God, * I will seek to do thee good.

Psalm 123. *Ad te levavi oculos meos.*

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes, * O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

2 Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress, * even so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until he have mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us; * for we are utterly despised.

4 Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy, * and with the despitefulness of the proud.

Psalm 124. *Nisi quia Dominus.*

IF the LORD himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say; * if the LORD himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us;

2 They had swallowed us up alive; * when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.

3 Yea, the waters had drowned us, * and the stream had gone over our soul.

4 The deep waters of the proud * had gone even over our soul.

5 But praised be the LORD, * who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.

6 Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler; * the snare is broken, and we are delivered.

7 Our help standeth in the Name of the LORD, * who hath made heaven and earth.

Psalm 125. *Qui confidunt.*

THEY that put their trust in the LORD shall be even as the mount Sion, * which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; * even so standeth the LORD round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

3 For the sceptre of the ungodly shall not abide upon the lot of the righteous; * lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness.

4 Do well, O LORD, * unto those that are good and true of heart.

5 As for such as turn back unto their own wickedness, * the LORD shall lead them forth with the evil doers; but peace shall be upon Israel.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 126. *In convertendo.*

WHEN the LORD turned again the captivity of Sion, * then were we like unto them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with joy.

3 Then said they among the heathen, * The LORD hath done great things for them.

4 Yea, the LORD hath done great things for us already; * whereof we rejoice.

5 Turn our captivity, O LORD, * as the rivers in the south.

6 They that sow in tears * shall reap in joy.

7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed, * shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

Psalm 127. *Nisi Dominus.*

EXCEPT the LORD build the house, * their labour is but lost that build it.

2 Except the LORD keep the city, * the watchman waketh but in vain.

3 It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness; * for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

4 Lo, children, and the fruit of the womb, * are an heritage and gift that cometh of the LORD.

5 Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant, * even so are the young children.

6 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them; * they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Psalm 128. *Beati omnes.*

BLESSED are all they that fear the LORD, * and walk in his ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands: * O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.

3 Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine * upon the walls of thine house;

4 Thy children like the olive-branches * round about thy table.

5 Lo, thus shall the man be blessed * that feareth the LORD.

6 The LORD from out of Sion shall so bless thee, * that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long;

7 Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children, * and peace upon Israel.

Psalm 129. *Saepe expugnaverunt.*

MANY a time have they fought against me from my youth up, * may Israel now say;

2 Yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up; * but they have not prevailed against me.

3 The plowers plowed upon my back, * and made long furrows.

4 But the righteous LORD * hath hewn the snares of the ungodly in pieces.

5 Let them be confounded and turned backward, * as many as have evil will at Sion.

6 Let them be even as the grass upon the housetops, * which withereth afore it be grown up;

7 Whereof the mower filleth not his hand, * neither he that bindeth up the sheaves his bosom.

8 So that they who go by say not so much as, The LORD prosper you; * we wish you good luck in the Name of the LORD.

Psalm 130. *De profundis.*

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O LORD; * Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let thine ears consider well * the voice of my complaint.

3 If thou, LORD, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, * O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with thee; * therefore shalt thou be feared.

5 I look for the LORD; my soul doth wait for him; * in his word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; * I say, before the morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy, * and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel * from all his sins.

Psalm 131. *Domine, non est.*

LORD, I am not high-minded; * I have no proud looks.
2 I do not exercise myself in great matters * which are too high for me.

3 But I refrain my soul, and keep it low, like as a child that is weaned from his mother: * yea, my soul is even as a weaned child.

4 O Israel, trust in the LORD * from this time forth for evermore.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY

Morning Prayer

Psalm 132. *Memento, Domine.*

LORD, remember David, * and all his trouble:
2 How he sware unto the LORD, * and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob:

3 I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house, * nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eyelids to slumber; * neither the temples of my head to take any rest;

5 Until I find out a place for the temple of the LORD; * an habitation for the Mighty God of Jacob.

6 Lo, we heard of the same at Ephratah, * and found it in the wood.

7 We will go into his tabernacle, * and fall low on our knees before his footstool.

8 Arise, O LORD, into thy resting-place; * thou, and the ark of thy strength.

9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; * and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.

10 For thy servant David's sake, * turn not away the face of thine anointed.

11 The LORD hath made a faithful oath unto David, * and he shall not shrink from it:

12 Of the fruit of thy body * shall I set upon thy throne.

13 If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall teach them; * their children also shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.

14 For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself; * he hath longed for her.

15 This shall be my rest for ever: * here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.

16 I will bless her victuals with increase, * and will satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will deck her priests with health, * and her saints shall rejoice and sing.

18 There shall I make the horn of David to flourish: * I have ordained a lantern for mine anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame; * but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

Psalm 133. *Ecce, quam bonum!*

BEHOLD, how good and joyful a thing it is, * for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, that ran down unto the beard, * even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

3 Like as the dew of Hermon, * which fell upon the hill of Sion.

4 For there the Lord promised his blessing, * and life for evermore.

Psalm 134. *Ecce nunc.*

BEHOLD now, praise the Lord, * all ye servants of the Lord;

2 Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, * even in the courts of the house of our God.

3 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, * and praise the Lord.

4 The Lord that made heaven and earth * give thee blessing out of Sion.

Psalm 135. *Laudate Nomen.*

O PRAISE the LORD, laud ye the Name of the LORD; * praise it, O ye servants of the LORD;

2 Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, * in the courts of the house of our God.

3 O praise the LORD, for the LORD is gracious; * O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.

4 For why? the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, * and Israel for his own possession.

5 For I know that the LORD is great, * and that our Lord is above all gods.

6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth; * and in the sea, and in all deep places.

7 He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world, * and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of his treasuries.

8 He smote the firstborn of Egypt, * both of man and beast.

9 He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land of Egypt; * upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.

10 He smote divers nations, * and slew mighty kings:

11 Sihon, king of the Amorites; and Og, the king of Bashan; * and all the kingdoms of Canaan;

12 And gave their land to be an heritage, * even an heritage unto Israel his people.

13 Thy Name, O LORD, endureth for ever; * so doth thy memorial, O LORD, from one generation to another.

14 For the LORD will avenge his people, * and be gracious unto his servants.

15 As for the images of the heathen, they are but silver and gold; * the work of men’s hands.

16 They have mouths, and speak not; * eyes have they, but they see not.

17 They have ears, and yet they hear not; * neither is there any breath in their mouths.

18 They that make them are like unto them; * and so are all they that put their trust in them.

19 Praise the Lord, ye house of Israel; * praise the Lord, ye house of Aaron.

20 Praise the Lord, ye house of Levi; * ye that fear the Lord, praise the Lord.

21 Praised be the Lord out of Sion, * who dwelleth at Jerusalem.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 136. *Confitemini.*

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: * and his mercy endureth for ever.

2 O give thanks unto the God of all gods: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

3 O thank the Lord of all lords: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Who only doeth great wonders: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

5 Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

6 Who laid out the earth above the waters: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

7 Who hath made great lights: * for his mercy endureth for ever:

8 The sun to rule the day: * for his mercy endureth for ever; 9
The moon and the stars to govern the night: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

10 Who smote Egypt, with their firstborn: * for his mercy endureth for ever;

11 And brought out Israel from among them: * for his mercy endureth for ever;

12 With a mighty hand and stretched-out arm: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

13 Who divided the Red Sea in two parts: * for his mercy endureth for ever;

14 And made Israel to go through the midst of it: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

15 But as for Pharaoh and his host, he overthrew them in the Red Sea: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

16 Who led his people through the wilderness: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

17 Who smote great kings: * for his mercy endureth for ever;

18 Yea, and slew mighty kings: * for his mercy endureth for ever:

19 Sihon, king of the Amorites: * for his mercy endureth for ever;

20 And Og, the king of Bashan: * for his mercy endureth for ever;

21 And gave away their land for an heritage: * for his mercy endureth for ever;

22 Even for an heritage unto Israel his servant: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

23 Who remembered us when we were in trouble: * for his mercy endureth for ever;

24 And hath delivered us from our enemies: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

25 Who giveth food to all flesh: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

27 O give thanks unto the Lord of lords: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 137. *Super flumina.*

BY the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, * when we remembered thee, O Sion.

2 As for our harps, we hanged them up * upon the trees that are therein.

3 For they that led us away captive, required of us then a song, and melody in our heaviness: * Sing us one of the songs of Sion.

4 How shall we sing the LORD's song * in a strange land?

5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, * let my right hand forget her cunning.

6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; * yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

7 Remember the children of Edom, O LORD, in the day of Jerusalem; * how they said, Down with it, down with it, even to the ground.

8 O daughter of Babylon, wasted with misery; * yea, happy shall he be that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

9 Blessed shall he be that taketh thy children, * and throweth them against the stones.

Psalm 138. *Confitebor tibi.*

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; * even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth; * for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy word, above all things.

3 When I called upon thee, thou heardest me; * and enduedst my soul with much strength.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD; * for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.

6 For though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly; * as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me; * thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The LORD shall make good his loving-kindness toward me; * yea, thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands.

The Twenty-ninth Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 139. *Domine, probasti.*

O LORD, thou hast searched me out, and known me. * Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts long before.

2 Thou art about my path, and about my bed; * and art acquainted with all my ways.

3 For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, * but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

4 Thou hast beset me behind and before, * and laid thine hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; * I cannot attain unto it.

6 Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit? * or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

7 If I climb up into heaven, thou art there; * if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning, * and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

9 Even there also shall thy hand lead me, * and thy right hand shall hold me.

10 If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me; * then shall my night be turned to day.

11 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day; * the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

12 For my reins are thine; * thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

13 I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: * marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

14 My bones are not hid from thee, * though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.

15 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; * and in thy book were all my members written;

16 Which day by day were fashioned, * when as yet there was none of them.

17 How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God; * O how great is the sum of them!

18 If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand: * when I wake up, I am present with thee.

19 Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God? * Depart from me, ye blood-thirsty men.

20 For they speak unrighteously against thee; * and thine enemies take thy Name in vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? * and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

22 Yea, I hate them right sore; * even as though they were mine enemies.

23 Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart; * prove me, and examine my thoughts.

24 Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me; * and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 140. *Eripe me, Domine.*

DELIVER me, O LORD, from the evil man; * and preserve me from the wicked man;

2 Who imagine mischief in their hearts, * and stir up strife all the day long.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; * adder's poison is under their lips.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the ungodly; * preserve me from the wicked men, who are purposed to overthrow my goings.

5 The proud have laid a snare for me, and spread a net abroad with cords; * yea, and set traps in my way.

6 I said unto the LORD, Thou art my God, * hear the voice of my prayers, O LORD.

7 O LORD God, thou strength of my health; * thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

8 Let not the ungodly have his desire, O Lord; * let not his mischievous imagination prosper, lest they be too proud.

9 Let the mischief of their own lips fall upon the head of them * that compass me about.

10 Let hot burning coals fall upon them; * let them be cast into the fire, and into the pit, that they never rise up again.

11 A man full of words shall not prosper upon the earth: * evil shall hunt the wicked person to overthrow him.

12 Sure I am that the Lord will avenge the poor, * and maintain the cause of the helpless.

13 The righteous also shall give thanks unto thy Name; * and the just shall continue in thy sight.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 141. *Domine, clamavi.*

LORD, I call upon thee; haste thee unto me, * and consider my voice, when I cry unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense; * and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, * and keep the door of my lips.

4 O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing; * let me not be occupied in ungodly works with the men that work wickedness, neither let me eat of such things as please them.

5 Let the righteous rather smite me friendly, and reprove me; * yea, let not my head refuse their precious balms.

6 As for the ungodly, * I will pray yet against their wickedness.

7 Let their judges be overthrown in stony places, * that they may hear my words; for they are sweet.

8 Our bones lie scattered before the pit, * like as when one breaketh and heweth wood upon the earth.

9 But mine eyes look unto thee, O Lord God; * in thee is my trust; O cast not out my soul.

10 Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me, * and from the traps of the wicked doers.

11 Let the ungodly fall into their own nets together, * and let me ever escape them.

Psalm 142. *Voce mea ad Dominum.*

I CRIED unto the LORD with my voice; * yea, even unto the LORD did I make my supplication.

2 I poured out my complaints before him, * and showed him of my trouble.

3 When my spirit was in heaviness, thou knewest my path; * in the way wherein I walked, have they privily laid a snare for me.

4 I looked also upon my right hand, * and saw there was no man that would know me.

5 I had no place to flee unto, * and no man cared for my soul.

6 I cried unto thee, O LORD, and said, * Thou art my hope, and my portion in the land of the living.

7 Consider my complaint; * for I am brought very low.

8 O deliver me from my persecutors; * for they are too strong for me.

9 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto thy Name; * which thing if thou wilt grant me, then shall the righteous resort unto my company.

Psalm 143. *Domine, exaudi.*

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, and consider my desire; * hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant; * for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; * he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit vexed within me, * and my heart within me is desolate.

5 Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works; * yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee; * my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.

7 Hear me, O Lord, and that soon; for my spirit waxeth faint: * hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning; for in thee is my trust: * show thou me the way that I should walk in; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies; * for I flee unto thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee; for thou art my God: * let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

11 Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake; * and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And of thy goodness slay mine enemies, * and destroy all them that vex my soul; for I am thy servant.

The Thirtieth Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 144. *Benedictus Dominus.*

BLESSED be the Lord my strength, * who teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:

2 My hope and my fortress, my castle and deliverer, my defender in whom I trust; * who subdueth my people that is under me.

3 Lord, what is man, that thou hast such respect unto him? * or the son of man, that thou so regardest him?

4 Man is like a thing of nought; * his time passeth away like a shadow.

5 Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down; * touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth thy lightning, and tear them; * shoot out thine arrows, and consume them.

7 Send down thine hand from above; * deliver me, and take me out of the great waters, from the hand of strangers;

8 Whose mouth talketh of vanity, * and their right hand is a right hand of wickedness.

9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God; * and sing praises unto thee upon a ten-stringed lute.

10 Thou hast given victory unto kings, * and hast delivered David thy servant from the peril of the sword.

11 Save me, and deliver me from the hand of strangers, * whose mouth talketh of vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of iniquity:

12 That our sons may grow up as the young plants, * and that our daughters may be as the polished corners of the temple;

13 That our garners may be full and plenteous with all manner of store; * that our sheep may bring forth thousands, and ten thousands in our fields;

14 That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no decay, * no leading into captivity, and no complaining in our streets.

15 Happy are the people that are in such a case; * yea, blessed are the people who have the LORD for their God.

Psalm 145. *Exaltabo te, Deus.*

I WILL magnify thee, O God, my King; * and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee; * and praise thy Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD, and marvellous worthy to be praised; * there is no end of his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise thy works unto another, * and declare thy power.

5 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship, * thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;

6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts; * and I will also tell of thy greatness.

7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be showed; * and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

8 The LORD is gracious and merciful; * long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9 The LORD is loving unto every man; * and his mercy is over all his works.

10 All thy works praise thee, O LORD; * and thy saints give thanks unto thee.

11 They show the glory of thy kingdom, * and talk of thy power;

12 That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom, * might be known unto men.

13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, * and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

14 The LORD upholdeth all such as fall, * and lifteth up all those that are down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord; * and thou givest them their meat in due season.

16 Thou openest thine hand, * and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways, * and holy in all his works.

18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him; * yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; * he also will hear their cry, and will help them.

20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him; * but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; * and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

Psalm 146. *Lauda, anima mea.*

PRAISE the LORD, O my soul: while I live, will I praise the LORD; * yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

2 O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man; * for there is no help in them.

3 For when the breath of man goeth forth, he shall turn again to his earth, * and then all his thoughts perish.

4 Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, * and whose hope is in the LORD his God:

5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is; * who keepeth his promise for ever;

6 Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong; * who feedeth the hungry.

7 The Lord looseth men out of prison; * the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

8 The Lord helpeth them that are fallen; * the Lord careth for the righteous.

9 The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and widow: * as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

10 The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore, * and throughout all generations.

Evening Prayer

Psalm 147. *Laudate Dominum.*

PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; * yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

2 The Lord doth build up Jerusalem, * and gather together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He healeth those that are broken in heart, * and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

4 He telleth the number of the stars, * and calleth them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord, and great is his power; * yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

6 The Lord setteth up the meek, * and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

7 O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; * sing praises upon the harp unto our God:

8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth; * and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;

9 Who giveth fodder unto the cattle, * and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

10 He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse; * neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

11 But the LORD's delight is in them that fear him, * and put their trust in his mercy.

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise thy God, O Sion.

13 For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates, * and hath blessed thy children within thee.

14 He maketh peace in thy borders, * and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth, * and his word runneth very swiftly.

16 He giveth snow like wool, * and scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: * who is able to abide his frost?

18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: * he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.

19 He showeth his word unto Jacob, * his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

20 He hath not dealt so with any nation; * neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

Psalm 148. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE the LORD from the heavens: * praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all ye angels of his: * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon: * praise him, all ye stars and light.

4 Praise him, all ye heavens, * and ye waters that are above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD: * for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.

6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever: * he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * ye dragons and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours, * wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

9 Mountains and all hills; * fruitful trees and all cedars;

10 Beasts and all cattle; * creeping things and flying fowls;

11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples; * princes, and all judges of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the LORD: * for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

13 He shall exalt the horn of his people: all his saints shall praise him; * even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Psalm 149. *Cantate Domino.*

O SING unto the LORD a new song; * let the congregation of saints praise him.

2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him, * and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance: * let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.

4 For the LORD hath pleasure in his people, * and helpeth the meek-hearted.

5 Let the saints be joyful with glory; * let them rejoice in their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their mouth; * and a two-edged sword in their hands;

7 To be avenged of the nations, * and to rebuke the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains, * and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To execute judgment upon them; as it is written, * Such honour have all his saints.

Psalm 150. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE God in his sanctuary: * praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him in his noble acts: * praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: * praise him upon the lute and harp.

4 Praise him in the timbrels and dances: * praise him upon the strings and pipe.

5 Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: * praise him upon the loud cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath * praise the LORD.

The End of the Psalter.

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Book One

First Day: Morning Prayer

1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

2 *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *
against the LORD and against his Anointed?

3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
   "let us cast off their bonds from us."

4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
   the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
   and his rage fills them with terror.

6 "I myself have set my king *
   upon my holy hill of Zion."

7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *
   he said to me, "You are my Son;
   this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations
for your inheritance *
   and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
   and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

10 And now, you kings, be wise; *
   be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the Lord with fear, *
   and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; *
   for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all *
   who take refuge in him!

3 *Domine, quid multiplicati*

1 Lord, how many adversaries I have! *
   how many there are who rise up against me!

2 How many there are who say of me, *
   "There is no help for him in his God."

3 But you, O Lord, are a shield about me; *
you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.

4 I call aloud upon the Lord, *
and he answers me from his holy hill;

5 I lie down and go to sleep; *
I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.

6 I do not fear the multitudes of people *
who set themselves against me all around.

7 Rise up, O Lord; set me free, O my God; *
surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face,
you will break the teeth of the wicked.

8 Deliverance belongs to the Lord. *
Your blessing be upon your people!

4 *Cum invocarem*

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"

3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

6 Many are saying,
"Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

5 *Verba mea auribus*

1 Give ear to my words, O Lord; *
consider my meditation.

2 Hearken to my cry for help, my King and my God, *
for I make my prayer to you.

3 In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; *
early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.

4 For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, *
and evil cannot dwell with you.

5 Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; *
you hate all those who work wickedness.

6 You destroy those who speak lies; *
the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O Lord, you abhor.

7 But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy I will go into your house; *
I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

8 Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness,
because of those who lie in wait for me; *
make your way straight before me.

9 For there is no truth in their mouth; *
there is destruction in their heart;

10 Their throat is an open grave; *
they flatter with their tongue.

11 Declare them guilty, O God; *
let them fall, because of their schemes.

12 Because of their many transgressions cast them out, *
for they have rebelled against you.

13 But all who take refuge in you will be glad; *
they will sing out their joy for ever.

14 You will shelter them, *
so that those who love your Name may exult in you.

15 For you, O LORD, will bless the righteous; *
you will defend them with your favor as with a shield.

First Day: Evening Prayer

6 *Domine, ne in furore*

1 LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger; *
do not punish me in your wrath.

2 Have pity on me, LORD, for I am weak; *
heal me, LORD, for my bones are racked.

3 My spirit shakes with terror; *
how long, O LORD, how long?

4 Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; *
save me for your mercy's sake.

5 For in death no one remembers you; *
and who will give you thanks in the grave?

6 I grow weary because of my groaning; *
every night I drench my bed
and flood my couch with tears.

7 My eyes are wasted with grief *
and worn away because of all my enemies.

8 Depart from me, all evildoers, *
for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.

9 The LORD has heard my supplication; *
the LORD accepts my prayer.

10 All my enemies shall be confounded and quake with fear; *
they shall turn back and suddenly be put to shame.

7 *Domine, Deus meus*

1 O LORD my God, I take refuge in you; *
save and deliver me from all who pursue me;

2 Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces *
and snatch me away with none to deliver me.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done these things: *
if there is any wickedness in my hands,

4 If I have repaid my friend with evil, *
or plundered him who without cause is my enemy;

5 Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me, *
trample my life into the ground,
and lay my honor in the dust.

6 Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath; *
rise up against the fury of my enemies.

7 Awake, O my God, decree justice; *
let the assembly of the peoples gather round you.

8 Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High; *
O LORD, judge the nations.

9 Give judgment for me according to my righteousness, O LORD, *
and according to my innocence, O Most High.

10 Let the malice of the wicked come to an end, but
establish the righteous; *
for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

11 God is my shield and defense; *
he is the savior of the true in heart.

12 God is a righteous judge; *
God sits in judgment every day.

13 If they will not repent, God will whet his sword; *
he will bend his bow and make it ready.

14 He has prepared his weapons of death; *
he makes his arrows shafts of fire.

15 Look at those who are in labor with wickedness, *
who conceive evil, and give birth to a lie.

16 They dig a pit and make it deep *
and fall into the hole that they have made.

17 Their malice turns back upon their own head; *
their violence falls on their own scalp.

18 I will bear witness that the LORD is righteous; *
I will praise the Name of the LORD Most High.

8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

1 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
  the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
  you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
  you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, *
  even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
  and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O Lord our Governor, *
  how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Second Day: Morning Prayer

9 *Confitebor tibi*

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
  I will tell of all your marvelous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; *
  I will sing to your Name, O Most High.

3 When my enemies are driven back, *
  they will stumble and perish at your presence.

4 For you have maintained my right and my cause; *
  you sit upon your throne judging right.

5 You have rebuked the ungodly and destroyed the wicked; *
  you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

6 As for the enemy, they are finished, in perpetual ruin, *
  their cities ploughed under, the memory of them perished;

7 But the LORD is enthroned for ever; *
he has set up his throne for judgment.

8 It is he who rules the world with righteousness; *
he judges the peoples with equity.

9 The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, *
a refuge in time of trouble.

10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, *
for you never forsake those who seek you, O LORD.

11 Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; *
proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; *
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Have pity on me, O LORD; *
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,
O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

14 So that I may tell of all your praises
and rejoice in your salvation *
in the gates of the city of Zion.

15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, *
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

16 The LORD is known by his acts of justice; *
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, *
and also all the peoples that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, *
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; *
let them be judged before you.

20 Put fear upon them, O Lord; *
let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

10 *Ut quid, Domine?*

1 Why do you stand so far off, O Lord, *
and hide yourself in time of trouble?

2 The wicked arrogantly persecute the poor, *
but they are trapped in the schemes they have devised.

3 The wicked boast of their heart's desire; *
the covetous curse and revile the Lord.

4 The wicked are so proud that they care not for God; *
their only thought is, "God does not matter."

5 Their ways are devious at all times;
your judgments are far above out of their sight; *
they defy all their enemies.

6 They say in their heart, "I shall not be shaken; *
no harm shall happen to me ever."

7 Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression; *
under their tongue are mischief and wrong.

8 They lurk in ambush in public squares
and in secret places they murder the innocent; *
they spy out the helpless.

9 They lie in wait, like a lion in a covert;
they lie in wait to seize upon the lowly; *
they seize the lowly and drag them away in their net.

10 The innocent are broken and humbled before them; *
the helpless fall before their power.

11 They say in their heart, "God has forgotten; *
he hides his face; he will never notice."

12 Rise up, O Lord;
lift up your hand, O God; *
do not forget the afflicted.

13 Why should the wicked revile God? *
why should they say in their heart, "You do not care"?

14 Surely, you behold trouble and misery; *
you see it and take it into your own hand.

15 The helpless commit themselves to you, *
for you are the helper of orphans.

16 Break the power of the wicked and evil; *
search out their wickedness until you find none.

17 The Lord is King for ever and ever; *
the ungodly shall perish from his land.

18 The Lord will hear the desire of the humble; *
you will strengthen their heart and your ears shall hear;

19 To give justice to the orphan and oppressed, *
so that mere mortals may strike terror no more.

11 *In Domino confido*

1 In the Lord have I taken refuge; *
how then can you say to me,
"Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;

2 For see how the wicked bend the bow
and fit their arrows to the string, *
to shoot from ambush at the true of heart.

3 When the foundations are being destroyed, *
what can the righteous do?"

4 The Lord is in his holy temple; *
the Lord's throne is in heaven.

5 His eyes behold the inhabited world; *
his piercing eye weighs our worth.

6 The LORD weighs the righteous as well as the wicked, *
but those who delight in violence he abhors.

7 Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and burning sulphur; *
a scorching wind shall be their lot.

8 For the LORD is righteous;
he delights in righteous deeds; *
and the just shall see his face.

Second Day: Evening Prayer

12 *Salvum me fac*

1 Help me, LORD, for there is no godly one left; *
the faithful have vanished from among us.

2 Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; *
with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.

3 Oh, that the LORD would cut off all smooth tongues, *
and close the lips that utter proud boasts!

4 Those who say, "With our tongue will we prevail; *
our lips are our own; who is lord over us?"

5 "Because the needy are oppressed,
and the poor cry out in misery, *
I will rise up," says the LORD,
"and give them the help they long for."

6 The words of the LORD are pure words, *
like silver refined from ore
and purified seven times in the fire.

7 O LORD, watch over us *
and save us from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked prowl on every side, *
and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.

13 *Usquequo, Domine?*

1 How long, O LORD?
will you forget me for ever? *
how long will you hide your face from me?

2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day after day? *
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; *
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," *
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

5 But I put my trust in your mercy; *
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; *
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

14 *Dixit insipiens*

1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.

2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the LORD?

5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the LORD is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Third Day: Morning Prayer

15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

16 *Conserva me, Domine*

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

17 *Exaudi, Domine*

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;
give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; *
hide me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, *
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

10 They have closed their heart to pity, *
and their mouth speaks proud things.

11 They press me hard,
now they surround me, *
watching how they may cast me to the ground,

12 Like a lion, greedy for its prey, *
and like a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O Lord; confront them and bring them down; *
deliver me from the wicked by your sword.

14 Deliver me, O Lord, by your hand *
from those whose portion in life is this world;

15 Whose bellies you fill with your treasure, *
who are well supplied with children
and leave their wealth to their little ones.

16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Third Day: Evening Prayer

18

Part I *Diligam te, Domine*

1 I love you, O Lord my strength, *
O Lord my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

2 My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, *
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge;
you are worthy of praise.

3 I will call upon the Lord, *
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

4 The breakers of death rolled over me, *
and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.

5 The cords of hell entangled me, *
and the snares of death were set for me.

6 I called upon the Lord in my distress *
and cried out to my God for help.

7 He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; *
my cry of anguish came to his ears.

8 The earth reeled and rocked; *
the roots of the mountains shook;
they reeled because of his anger.

9 Smoke rose from his nostrils
and a consuming fire out of his mouth; *
hot burning coals blazed forth from him.

10 He parted the heavens and came down *
with a storm cloud under his feet.

11 He mounted on cherubim and flew; *
he swooped on the wings of the wind.

12 He wrapped darkness about him; *
he made dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.

13 From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds, *
burst hailstones and coals of fire.

14 The LORD thundered out of heaven; *
the Most High uttered his voice.

15 He loosed his arrows and scattered them; *
he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.

16 The beds of the seas were uncovered,
and the foundations of the world laid bare, *
at your battle cry, O LORD,
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

17 He reached down from on high and grasped me; *
he drew me out of great waters.

18 He delivered me from my strong enemies
and from those who hated me; *
for they were too mighty for me.

19 They confronted me in the day of my disaster; *
but the LORD was my support.

20 He brought me out into an open place; *
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

18

Part II *Et retribuet mihi*

21 The LORD rewarded me because of my righteous
dealing; *
because my hands were clean he rewarded me;

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD rewarded me
according to my righteous dealing, *
because of the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

23 For all his judgments are before my eyes, *
and his decrees I have not put away from me;

24 For I have been blameless with him *
and have kept myself from iniquity.

25 Therefore the LORD rewarded me according to my
righteous dealing, *
because of the cleannness of my hands in his sight.

26 With the faithful you show yourself faithful, O God; *
with the forthright you show yourself forthright.

27 With the pure you show yourself pure, *
but with the crooked you are wily.

28 You will save a lowly people, *
but you will humble the haughty eyes.

29 You, O LORD, are my lamp; *
my God, you make my darkness bright.

30 With you I will break down an enclosure; *
with the help of my God I will scale any wall.

31 As for God, his ways are perfect;
the words of the LORD are tried in the fire; *
he is a shield to all who trust in him.

32 For who is God, but the Lord? *
who is the Rock, except our God?

33 It is God who girds me about with strength *
and makes my way secure.

34 He makes me sure-footed like a deer *
and lets me stand firm on the heights.

35 He trains my hands for battle *
and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze.

36 You have given me your shield of victory; *
your right hand also sustains me;
your loving care makes me great.

37 You lengthen my stride beneath me, *
and my ankles do not give way.

38 I pursue my enemies and overtake them; *
I will not turn back till I have destroyed them.

39 I strike them down, and they cannot rise; *
they fall defeated at my feet.

40 You have girded me with strength for the battle; *
you have cast down my adversaries beneath me;
you have put my enemies to flight.

41 I destroy those who hate me;
they cry out, but there is none to help them; *
they cry to the Lord, but he does not answer.

42 I beat them small like dust before the wind; *
I trample them like mud in the streets.

43 You deliver me from the strife of the peoples; *
you put me at the head of the nations.

44 A people I have not known shall serve me;
no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; *
strangers will cringe before me.

45 The foreign peoples will lose heart; *
they shall come trembling out of their strongholds.

46 The LORD lives! Blessed is my Rock! *
Exalted is the God of my salvation!

47 He is the God who gave me victory *
and cast down the peoples beneath me.

48 You rescued me from the fury of my enemies;
you exalted me above those who rose against me; *
you saved me from my deadly foe.

49 Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O LORD, *
and sing praises to your Name.

50 He multiplies the victories of his king; *
he shows loving-kindness to his anointed,
to David and his descendants for ever.

Fourth Day: Morning Prayer

19 *Caeli enarrant*

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

20 *Exaudiat te Dominus*

1 May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

2 Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;

3 Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.

5 We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the Lord grant all your requests.

6 Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.

8 They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.

9 O Lord, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

21 *Domine, in virtute tua*

1 The king rejoices in your strength, O Lord; *
how greatly he exults in your victory!

2 You have given him his heart's desire; *
you have not denied him the request of his lips.

3 For you meet him with blessings of prosperity, *
and set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to him: *
length of days, for ever and ever.

5 His honor is great, because of your victory; *
splendor and majesty have you bestowed upon him.

6 For you will give him everlasting felicity *
and will make him glad with the joy of your presence.

7 For the king puts his trust in the LORD; *
because of the loving-kindness of the Most High, he will not fall.

8 Your hand will lay hold upon all your enemies; *
your right hand will seize all those who hate you.

9 You will make them like a fiery furnace *
at the time of your appearing, O LORD;

10 You will swallow them up in your wrath, *
and fire shall consume them.

11 You will destroy their offspring from the land *
and their descendants from among the peoples of the earth.

12 Though they intend evil against you
and devise wicked schemes, *
yet they shall not prevail.

13 For you will put them to flight *
and aim your arrows at them.

14 Be exalted, O LORD, in your might; *
we will sing and praise your power.

Fourth Day: Evening Prayer

22 *Deus, Deus meus*

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

16 Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

17 They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.

18 Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in
worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet
unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

23 *Dominus regit me*

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's
sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who
trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Fifth Day: Morning Prayer

24 *Domini est terra*

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

25 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my
transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

10 For your Name's sake, O Lord, *
forgive my sin, for it is great.

11 Who are they who fear the Lord? *
he will teach them the way that they should choose.

12 They shall dwell in prosperity, *
and their offspring shall inherit the land.

13 The Lord is a friend to those who fear him *
and will show them his covenant.

14 My eyes are ever looking to the Lord, *
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

15 Turn to me and have pity on me, *
for I am left alone and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart have increased; *
bring me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon my adversity and misery *
and forgive me all my sin.

18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many, *
and they bear a violent hatred against me.

19 Protect my life and deliver me; *
let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.

20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, *
for my hope has been in you.

21 Deliver Israel, O God, *
out of all his troubles.

26 *Judica me, Domine*

1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, *
and their right hand full of bribes.

11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.

12 My foot stands on level ground; *
in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

Fifth Day: Evening Prayer

27 *Dominus illuminatio*

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

28 *Ad te, Domine*

1 O LORD, I call to you;
my Rock, do not be deaf to my cry; *
lest, if you do not hear me,
I become like those who go down to the Pit.

2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, *
when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.

3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the evildoers, *
who speak peaceably with their neighbors,
while strife is in their hearts.

4 Repay them according to their deeds, *
and according to the wickedness of their actions.

5 According to the work of their hands repay them, *
and give them their just deserts.

6 They have no understanding of the LORD's doings,
nor of the works of his hands; *
therefore he will break them down and not build them up.

7 Blessed is the LORD! *
for he has heard the voice of my prayer.

8 The LORD is my strength and my shield; *
my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;

9 Therefore my heart dances for joy, *
and in my song will I praise him.

10 The LORD is the strength of his people, *
a safe refuge for his anointed.

11 Save your people and bless your inheritance; *
shepherd them and carry them for ever.

29 *Afferte Domino*

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Sixth Day: Morning Prayer

30 *Exaltabo te, Domine*

1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.

3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.

6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.

7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.

9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper."

12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols, *
and I put my trust in the LORD.

7 I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; *
for you have seen my affliction;
you know my distress.

8 You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; *
you have set my feet in an open place.

9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

17 Lord, let me not be ashamed for having called upon you; *
rather, let the wicked be put to shame;
let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be silenced which speak against the righteous, *
haughtily, disdainfully, and with contempt.

19 How great is your goodness, O Lord!
which you have laid up for those who fear you; *
which you have done in the sight of all
for those who put their trust in you.

20 You hide them in the covert of your presence from those
who slander them; *
you keep them in your shelter from the strife of
tongues.

21 Blessed be the Lord! *
for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a
besieged city.

22 Yet I said in my alarm,
"I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes." *
Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my entreaty
when I cried out to you.

23 Love the Lord, all you who worship him; *
the Lord protects the faithful,
but repays to the full those who act haughtily.

24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, *
all you who wait for the Lord.

Sixth Day: Evening Prayer

32 *Beati quorum*

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

33 *Exultate, justi*

1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the LORD with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the LORD is right, *
and all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

11 But the LORD's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

34 *Benedicam Dominum*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; *
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Who among you loves life *
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *
and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; *
seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

Seventh Day: Morning Prayer

35 *Judica, Domine*

1 Fight those who fight me, O Lord; *
attack those who are attacking me.

2 Take up shield and armor *
and rise up to help me.

3 Draw the sword and bar the way against those who pursue me; *
say to my soul," I am your salvation."

4 Let those who seek after my life be shamed and humbled, *
let those who plot my ruin fall back and be dismayed.

5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, *
and let the angel of the Lord drive them away.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, *
and let the angel of the Lord pursue them.

7 For they have secretly spread a net for me without a cause; *
without a cause they have dug a pit to take me alive.

8 Let ruin come upon them unawares; *
let them be caught in the net they hid;
let them fall into the pit they dug.

9 Then I will be joyful in the Lord; *
I will glory in his victory.

10 My very bones will say, "LORD, who is like you? *
You deliver the poor from those who are too strong for them,
the poor and needy from those who rob them."

11 Malicious witnesses rise up against me; *
they charge me with matters I know nothing about.

12 They pay me evil in exchange for good; *
my soul is full of despair.

13 But when they were sick I dressed in sack-cloth *
and humbled myself by fasting;

14 I prayed with my whole heart,
as one would for a friend or a brother; *
I behaved like one who mourns for his mother,
bowed down and grieving.

15 But when I stumbled, they were glad and gathered together; they gathered against me; *
strangers whom I did not know tore me to pieces and would not stop.

16 They put me to the test and mocked me; *
they gnashed at me with their teeth.

17 O Lord, how long will you look on? *
rescue me from the roaring beasts,
and my life from the young lions.

18 I will give you thanks in the great congregation; *
I will praise you in the mighty throng.

19 Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, *
nor let those who hate me without a cause wink at each other.

20 For they do not plan for peace, *
but invent deceitful schemes against the quiet in the land.

21 They opened their mouths at me and said, *
"Aha! we saw it with our own eyes."

22 You saw it, O LORD; do not be silent; *
O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Awake, arise, to my cause! *
to my defense, my God and my Lord!

24 Give me justice, O LORD my God,
according to your righteousness; *
do not let them triumph over me.

25 Do not let them say in their hearts,
"Aha! just what we want!" *
Do not let them say, "We have swallowed him up."

26 Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and
disgraced; *
let those who boast against me be clothed with dismay
and shame.

27 Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be
glad; *
let them say always, "Great is the LORD,
who desires the prosperity of his servant."

28 And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness *
and of your praise all the day long.

36 *Dixit injustus*

1 There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the
wicked; *
there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 He flatters himself in his own eyes *
that his hateful sin will not be found out.

3 The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful, *
he has left off acting wisely and doing good.

4 He thinks up wickedness upon his bed
and has set himself in no good way; *
he does not abhor that which is evil.

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me, *
nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

12 See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! *
they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

Seventh Day: Evening Prayer

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Part I *Noli oemulari*

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the LORD *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.

13 The wicked plot against the righteous *
and gnash at them with their teeth.

14 The Lord laughs at the wicked, *
because he sees that their day will come.

15 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow
to strike down the poor and needy, *
to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.

16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, *
 and their bow shall be broken.

17 The little that the righteous has *
 is better than great riches of the wicked.

18 For the power of the wicked shall be broken, *
 but the LORD upholds the righteous.

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Part II *Novit Dominus*

19 The LORD cares for the lives of the godly, *
 and their inheritance shall last for ever.

20 They shall not be ashamed in bad times, *
 and in days of famine they shall have enough.

21 As for the wicked, they shall perish, *
 and the enemies of the LORD, like the glory of the
  meadows, shall vanish;
 they shall vanish like smoke.

22 The wicked borrow and do not repay, *
 but the righteous are generous in giving.

23 Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, *
 but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.

24 Our steps are directed by the LORD; *
 he strengthens those in whose way he delights.

25 If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, *
 for the LORD holds them by the hand.

26 I have been young and now I am old, *
 but never have I seen the righteous forsaken,
 or their children begging bread.

27 The righteous are always generous in their lending, *
 and their children shall be a blessing.

28 Turn from evil, and do good, *
and dwell in the land for ever.

29 For the LORD loves justice; *
he does not forsake his faithful ones.

30 They shall be kept safe for ever, *
but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.

31 The righteous shall possess the land *
and dwell in it for ever.

32 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, *
and their tongue speaks what is right.

33 The law of their God is in their heart, *
and their footsteps shall not falter.

34 The wicked spy on the righteous *
and seek occasion to kill them.

35 The LORD will not abandon them to their hand, *
nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.

36 Wait upon the LORD and keep his way; *
he will raise you up to possess the land,
and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

37 I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, *
flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

38 I went by, and behold, they were not there; *
I searched for them, but they could not be found.

39 Mark those who are honest;
observe the upright; *
for there is a future for the peaceable.

40 Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; *
the future of the wicked is cut off.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.

Eighth Day: Morning Prayer

38 *Domine, ne in furore*

1 O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger; *
do not punish me in your wrath.

2 For your arrows have already pierced me, *
and your hand presses hard upon me.

3 There is no health in my flesh,
because of your indignation; *
there is no soundness in my body, because of my sin.

4 For my iniquities overwhelm me; *
like a heavy burden they are too much for me to bear.

5 My wounds stink and fester *
by reason of my foolishness.

6 I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; *
I go about in mourning all the day long.

7 My loins are filled with searing pain; *
there is no health in my body.

8 I am utterly numb and crushed; *
I wail, because of the groaning of my heart.

9 O Lord, you know all my desires, *
and my sighing is not hidden from you.

10 My heart is pounding, my strength has failed me, *
and the brightness of my eyes is gone from me.

11 My friends and companions draw back from my affliction; *
my neighbors stand afar off.

12 Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; *
those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin
and plot treachery all the day long.

13 But I am like the deaf who do not hear, *
like those who are mute and do not open their mouth.

14 I have become like one who does not hear *
and from whose mouth comes no defense.

15 For in you, O Lord, have I fixed my hope; *
you will answer me, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, "Do not let them rejoice at my expense, *
those who gloat over me when my foot slips."

17 Truly, I am on the verge of falling, *
and my pain is always with me.

18 I will confess my iniquity *
and be sorry for my sin.

19 Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, *
and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.

20 Those who repay evil for good slander me, *
because I follow the course that is right.

21 O Lord, do not forsake me; *
be not far from me, O my God.

22 Make haste to help me, *
O Lord of my salvation.

39 *Dixi, Custodiam*

1 I said," I will keep watch upon my ways, *
so that I do not offend with my tongue.

2 I will put a muzzle on my mouth *
while the wicked are in my presence."

3 So I held my tongue and said nothing; *
I refrained from rash words;
but my pain became unbearable.

4 My heart was hot within me;
while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; *
I spoke out with my tongue:

5 LORD, let me know my end and the number of my days, *
so that I may know how short my life is.

6 You have given me a mere handful of days,
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; *
truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind.

7 We walk about like a shadow,
and in vain we are in turmoil; *
we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather them.

8 And now, what is my hope? *
O Lord, my hope is in you.

9 Deliver me from all my transgressions *
and do not make me the taunt of the fool.

10 I fell silent and did not open my mouth, *
for surely it was you that did it.

11 Take your affliction from me; *
I am worn down by the blows of your hand.

12 With rebukes for sin you punish us;
like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us; *
truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.

13 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; *
hold not your peace at my tears.

14 For I am but a sojourner with you, *
a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, *
before I go my way and am no more.

40 *Expectans, expectavi*

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.

4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.' "

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the Lord;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

13 For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me;
my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; *
they are more in number than the hairs of my head,
and my heart fails me.

14 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.

15 Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed
who seek after my life to destroy it; *
let them draw back and be disgraced
who take pleasure in my misfortune.

16 Let those who say "Aha!" and gloat over me be confounded, *
because they are ashamed.

17 Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad; *
let those who love your salvation continually say,
"Great is the Lord!"

18 Though I am poor and afflicted, *
the Lord will have regard for me.

19 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
do not tarry, O my God.

41 *Beatus qui intelligit*

1 Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! *
the Lord will deliver them in the time of trouble.

2 The Lord preserves them and keeps them alive,
so that they may be happy in the land; *
he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies.

3 The Lord sustains them on their sickbed *
and ministers to them in their illness.

4 I said, "Lord, be merciful to me; *
heal me, for I have sinned against you."

5 My enemies are saying wicked things about me: *
"When will he die, and his name perish?"

6 Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; *
their hearts collect false rumors;
they go outside and spread them.

7 All my enemies whisper together about me *
and devise evil against me.

8 "A deadly thing," they say, "has fastened on him; *
he has taken to his bed and will never get up again."

9 Even my best friend, whom I trusted,
who broke bread with me, *
has lifted up his heel and turned against me.

10 But you, O Lord, be merciful to me and raise me up, *
and I shall repay them.

11 By this I know you are pleased with me, *
that my enemy does not triumph over me.

12 In my integrity you hold me fast, *
and shall set me before your face for ever.

13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, *
from age to age. Amen. Amen.

Book Two

42 *Quemadmodum*

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me,
"Where now is your God?"

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

7 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

8 My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.

9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
in the night season his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

11 I will say to the God of my strength,
"Why have you forgotten me? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"

12 While my bones are being broken, *
my enemies mock me to my face;

13 All day long they mock me *
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"

14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

15 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

43 *Judica me, Deus*

1 Give judgment for me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly people; *
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

2 For you are the God of my strength;
why have you put me from you? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?

3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, *
and bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling;

4 That I may go to the altar of God,
to the God of my joy and gladness; *
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

6 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Ninth Day: Morning Prayer

44 *Deus, auribus*

1 We have heard with our ears, O God,
our forefathers have told us, *
the deeds you did in their days,
in the days of old.

2 How with your hand you drove the peoples out
and planted our forefathers in the land; *
how you destroyed nations and made your people flourish.

3 For they did not take the land by their sword,
nor did their arm win the victory for them; *
but your right hand, your arm, and the light of your countenance,
because you favored them.

4 You are my King and my God; *
you command victories for Jacob.

5 Through you we pushed back our adversaries; *
through your Name we trampled on those who rose up against us.

6 For I do not rely on my bow, *
and my sword does not give me the victory.

7 Surely, you gave us victory over our adversaries *
and put those who hate us to shame.

8 Every day we gloried in God, *
and we will praise your Name for ever.

9 Nevertheless, you have rejected and humbled us *
and do not go forth with our armies.

10 You have made us fall back before our adversary, *
and our enemies have plundered us.

11 You have made us like sheep to be eaten *
and have scattered us among the nations.

12 You are selling your people for a trifle *
and are making no profit on the sale of them.

13 You have made us the scorn of our neighbors, *
a mockery and derision to those around us.

14 You have made us a byword among the nations, *
a laughing-stock among the peoples.

15 My humiliation is daily before me, *
and shame has covered my face;

16 Because of the taunts of the mockers and blasphemers, *
because of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this has come upon us; *
yet we have not forgotten you,
nor have we betrayed your covenant.

18 Our heart never turned back, *
nor did our footsteps stray from your path;

19 Though you thrust us down into a place of misery, *
and covered us over with deep darkness.

20 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, *
or stretched out our hands to some strange god,

21 Will not God find it out? *
for he knows the secrets of the heart.

22 Indeed, for your sake we are killed all the day long; *
we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping? *
Arise! do not reject us for ever.

24 Why have you hidden your face *
and forgotten our affliction and oppression?

25 We sink down into the dust; *
our body cleaves to the ground.

26 Rise up, and help us, *
and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love.

45 *Eructavit cor meum*

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.

3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, *
in your pride and in your majesty.

4 Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth *
and for the sake of justice.

5 Your right hand will show you marvelous things; *
your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.

6 The peoples are falling at your feet, *
and the king's enemies are losing heart.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.

12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.

13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."

14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

16 With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.

17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

18 I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

46 *Deus noster refugium*

1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Ninth Day: Evening Prayer

47 *Omnes gentes, plaudite*

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.

2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

48 *Magnus Dominus*

1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.

2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.

3 God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.

4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.

5 They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.

6 Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

7 As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; *
God has established her for ever.

8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.

10 Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.

11 Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.

12 Consider well her bulwarks;
examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

49 *Audite haec, omnes*

1 Hear this, all you peoples;
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?

6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;

7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,

8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.

9 For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

12 Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, *
and the end of those who delight in their own words.

13 Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die;
Death is their shepherd; *
they go down straightway to the grave.

14 Their form shall waste away, *
and the land of the dead shall be their home.

15 But God will ransom my life; *
he will snatch me from the grasp of death.

16 Do not be envious when some become rich, *
or when the grandeur of their house increases;

17 For they will carry nothing away at their death, *
nor will their grandeur follow them.

18 Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived, *
and were praised for their success,

19 They shall join the company of their forebears, *
who will never see the light again.

20 Those who are honored, but have no understanding, *
are like the beasts that perish.

Tenth Day: Morning Prayer

50 *Deus deorum*

1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, *
nor he-goats out of your pens;

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

11 I know every bird in the sky, *
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to the Most High.

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

16 But to the wicked God says: *
"Why do you recite my statutes,
and take my covenant upon your lips;

17 Since you refuse discipline, *
and toss my words behind your back?

18 When you see a thief, you make him your friend, *
and you cast in your lot with adulterers.

19 You have loosed your lips for evil, *
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.

20 You are always speaking evil of your brother *
and slandering your own mother's son.

21 These things you have done, and I kept still, *
and you thought that I am like you."

22 "I have made my accusation; *
I have put my case in order before your eyes.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

51 *Miserere mei, Deus*

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.

16 Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not
despise.

19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, *
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

20 Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,
with burnt-offerings and oblations; *
then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

52 *Quid gloriaris?*

1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness *
against the godly all day long?

2 You plot ruin;
your tongue is like a sharpened razor, *
O worker of deception.

3 You love evil more than good *
and lying more than speaking the truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, *
O you deceitful tongue.

5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, *
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,
and root you out of the land of the living!

6 The righteous shall see and tremble, *
and they shall laugh at him, saying,

7 “This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, *
but trusted in great wealth
and relied upon wickedness.”

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; *
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will give you thanks for what you have done *
and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence
of the godly.

Tenth Day: Evening Prayer

53 *Dixit insipiens*

1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.

2 God looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon God?

5 See how greatly they tremble,
such trembling as never was; *
for God has scattered the bones of the enemy;
they are put to shame because God has rejected them.

6 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when God restores the fortunes of his people
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

54 *Deus, in nomine*

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a farewell sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

55 *Exaudi, Deus*

1 Hear my prayer, O God; *
do not hide yourself from my petition.

2 Listen to me and answer me; *
I have no peace, because of my cares.

3 I am shaken by the noise of the enemy *
and by the pressure of the wicked;

4 For they have cast an evil spell upon me *
and are set against me in fury.

5 My heart quakes within me, *
and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

6 Fear and trembling have come over me, *
and horror overwhelms me.

7 And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! *
I would fly away and be at rest.

8 I would flee to a far-off place *
and make my lodging in the wilderness.

9 Swallow them up, O Lord;
confound their speech; *
for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

11 Day and night the watchmen make their rounds upon her walls, *
but trouble and misery are in the midst of her.

12 There is corruption in her heart; *
her streets are never free of oppression and deceit.

13 For had it been an adversary who taunted me,
then I could have borne it; *
or had it been an enemy who vaunted himself against me,
then I could have hidden from him.

14 But it was you, a man after my own heart, *
my companion, my own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together, *
and walked with the throng in the house of God.

16 Let death come upon them suddenly;
let them go down alive into the grave; *
for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their very midst.

17 But I will call upon God, *
and the LORD will deliver me.

18 In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday,
I will complain and lament, *
and he will hear my voice.

19 He will bring me safely back from the battle waged against me; *
for there are many who fight me.

20 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me and bring them down; *
they never change; they do not fear God.

21 My companion stretched forth his hand against his comrade; *
he has broken his covenant.

22 His speech is softer than butter, *
but war is in his heart.

23 His words are smoother than oil, *
but they are drawn swords.

24 Cast your burden upon the LORD, and he will sustain you; *
he will never let the righteous stumble.

25 For you will bring the bloodthirsty and deceitful *
down to the pit of destruction, O God.

26 They shall not live out half their days, *
but I will put my trust in you.

Eleventh Day: Morning Prayer

56 *Miserere mei, Deus*

1 Have mercy on me, O God,
for my enemies are hounding me; *
all day long they assault and oppress me.

2 They hound me all the day long; *
truly there are many who fight against me, O Most High.

3 Whenever I am afraid, *
I will put my trust in you.

4 In God, whose word I praise,
in God I trust and will not be afraid, *
for what can flesh do to me?

5 All day long they damage my cause; *
their only thought is to do me evil.

6 They band together; they lie in wait; *
they spy upon my footsteps; because they seek my life.

7 Shall they escape despite their wickedness? *
O God, in your anger, cast down the peoples.

8 You have noted my lamentation;
put my tears into your bottle; *
are they not recorded in your book?

9 Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight; *
this I know, for God is on my side.

10 In God the LORD, whose word I praise,
in God I trust and will not be afraid, *
or what can mortals do to me?

11 I am bound by the vow I made to you, O God; *
I will present to you thank-offerings;

12 For you have rescued my soul from death and my feet from stumbling, *
that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

57 *Miserere mei, Deus*

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful,
for I have taken refuge in you; *
in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge
until this time of trouble has gone by.

2 I will call upon the Most High God, *
the God who maintains my cause.

3 He will send from heaven and save me;
he will confound those who trample upon me; *
God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.

4 I lie in the midst of lions that devour the people; *
their teeth are spears and arrows,
their tongue a sharp sword.

5 They have laid a net for my feet,
and I am bowed low; *
they have dug a pit before me,
but have fallen into it themselves.

6 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, *
and your glory over all the earth.

7 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; *
I will sing and make melody.

8 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; *
I myself will waken the dawn.

9 I will confess you among the peoples, O Lord; *
I will sing praise to you among the nations.

10 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, *
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

11 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, *
and your glory over all the earth.

58 *Si vere utique*

1 Do you indeed decree righteousness, you rulers? *
do you judge the peoples with equity?

2 No; you devise evil in your hearts, *
and your hands deal out violence in the land.

3 The wicked are perverse from the womb; *
liars go astray from their birth.

4 They are as venomous as a serpent, *
they are like the deaf adder which stops its ears,

5 Which does not heed the voice of the charmer, *
no matter how skillful his charming.

6 O God, break their teeth in their mouths; *
pull the fangs of the young lions, O Lord.

7 Let them vanish like water that runs off; *
let them wither like trodden grass.

8 Let them be like the snail that melts away, *
like a stillborn child that never sees the sun.

9 Before they bear fruit, let them be cut down like a brier; *
like thorns and thistles let them be swept away.

10 The righteous will be glad when they see the vengeance; *
they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 And they will say,
"Surely, there is a reward for the righteous; *
surely, there is a God who rules in the earth."

Eleventh Day: Evening Prayer

59 *Eripe me de inimicis*

1 Rescue me from my enemies, O God; *
protect me from those who rise up against me.

2 Rescue me from evildoers *
and save me from those who thirst for my blood.

3 See how they lie in wait for my life,
how the mighty gather together against me; *
not for any offense or fault of mine, O Lord.

4 Not because of any guilt of mine *
they run and prepare themselves for battle.

5 Rouse yourself, come to my side, and see; *
for you, Lord God of hosts, are Israel's God.

6 Awake, and punish all the ungodly; *
show no mercy to those who are faithless and evil.

7 They go to and fro in the evening; *
they snarl like dogs and run about the city.

8 Behold, they boast with their mouths,
and taunts are on their lips; *
"For who," they say, "will hear us?"

9 But you, O Lord, you laugh at them; *
you laugh all the ungodly to scorn.

10 My eyes are fixed on you, O my Strength; *
for you, O God, are my stronghold.

11 My merciful God comes to meet me; *
God will let me look in triumph on my enemies.

12 Slay them, O God, lest my people forget; *
send them reeling by your might
and put them down, O Lord our shield.

13 For the sins of their mouths, for the words of their lips,
for the cursing and lies that they utter, *
let them be caught in their pride.

14 Make an end of them in your wrath; *
make an end of them, and they shall be no more.

15 Let everyone know that God rules in Jacob, *
and to the ends of the earth.

16 They go to and fro in the evening; *
they snarl like dogs and run about the city.

17 They forage for food, *
and if they are not filled, they howl.

18 For my part, I will sing of your strength; *
I will celebrate your love in the morning;

19 For you have become my stronghold, *
a refuge in the day of my trouble.

20 To you, O my Strength, will I sing; *
for you, O God, are my stronghold and my merciful God.

60 *Deus, repulisti nos*

1 O God, you have cast us off and broken us; *
you have been angry;
oh, take us back to you again.

2 You have shaken the earth and split it open; *
repair the cracks in it, for it totters.

3 You have made your people know hardship; *
you have given us wine that makes us stagger.

4 You have set up a banner for those who fear you, *
to be a refuge from the power of the bow.

5 Save us by your right hand and answer us, *
that those who are dear to you may be delivered.

6 God spoke from his holy place and said: *
"I will exult and parcel out Shechem;
I will divide the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; *
Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

8 Moab is my wash-basin,
on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, *
and over Philistia will I shout in triumph."

9 Who will lead me into the strong city? *
who will bring me into Edom?

10 Have you not cast us off, O God? *
you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

11 Grant us your help against the enemy, *
for vain is the help of man.

12 With God we will do valiant deeds, *
and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

61 *Exaudi, Deus*

1 Hear my cry, O God, *
and listen to my prayer.

2 I call upon you from the ends of the earth
with heaviness in my heart; *
set me upon the rock that is higher than I.

3 For you have been my refuge, *
a strong tower against the enemy.

4 I will dwell in your house for ever; *
I will take refuge under the cover of your wings.

5 For you, O God, have heard my vows; *
you have granted me the heritage of those who fear
your Name.

6 Add length of days to the king's life; *
let his years extend over many generations.

7 Let him sit enthroned before God for ever; *
bid love and faithfulness watch over him.

8 So will I always sing the praise of your Name, *
and day by day I will fulfill my vows.

Twelfth Day: Morning Prayer

62 *Nonne Deo?*

1 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
from him comes my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

3 How long will you assail me to crush me,
all of you together, *
as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

4 They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; *
lies are their chief delight.

5 They bless with their lips, *
but in their hearts they curse.

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

63 *Deus, Deus meus*

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

9 May those who seek my life to destroy it *
go down into the depths of the earth;

10 Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, *
and let them be food for jackals.

11 But the king will rejoice in God;
all those who swear by him will be glad; *
for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

64 *Exaudi, Deus*

1 Hear my voice, O God, when I complain; *
protect my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, *
from the mob of evildoers.

3 They sharpen their tongue like a sword, *
and aim their bitter words like arrows,

4 That they may shoot down the blameless from ambush; *
they shoot without warning and are not afraid.

5 They hold fast to their evil course; *
they plan how they may hide their snares.

6 They say, "Who will see us?
who will find out our crimes? *
we have thought out a perfect plot."

7 The human mind and heart are a mystery; *
but God will loose an arrow at them,
and suddenly they will be wounded.

8 He will make them trip over their tongues, *
and all who see them will shake their heads.

9 Everyone will stand in awe and declare God's deeds; *
they will recognize his works.

10 The righteous will rejoice in the LORD and put their trust in him, *
and all who are true of heart will glory.

Twelfth Day: Evening Prayer

65 *Te decet hymnus*

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

66 *Jubilate Deo*

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name."

4 Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

67 *Deus misereatur*

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Thirteenth Day: Morning Prayer

68 *Exsurgat Deus*

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word; *
great was the company of women who bore the tidings:

12 "Kings with their armies are fleeing away; *
the women at home are dividing the spoils."

13 Though you lingered among the sheepfolds, *
you shall be like a dove whose wings are covered with silver,
whose feathers are like green gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings, *
it was like snow falling in Zalmon.

15 O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan! *
O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!

16 Why do you look with envy, O rugged mountain,
at the hill which God chose for his resting place? *
truly, the LORD will dwell there for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand,
even thousands of thousands; *
the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.

18 You have gone up on high and led captivity captive;
you have received gifts even from your enemies, *
that the LORD God might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord day by day, *
the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

20 He is our God, the God of our salvation; *
God is the LORD, by whom we escape death.

21 God shall crush the heads of his enemies, *
and the hairy scalp of those who go on still in their wickedness.

22 The Lord has said, "I will bring them back from Bashan; *
I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;

23 That your foot may be dipped in blood, *
the tongues of your dogs in the blood of your enemies."

24 They see your procession, O God, *
your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.

25 The singers go before, musicians follow after, *
in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.

26 Bless God in the congregation; *
bless the LORD, you that are of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head;
the princes of Judah in a company; *
and the princes of Zebulon and Naphtali.

28 Send forth your strength, O God; *
establish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

29 Kings shall bring gifts to you, *
for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.

30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, *
and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.

31 Trample down those who lust after silver; *
scatter the peoples that delight in war.

32 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; *
let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

Thirteenth Day: Evening Prayer

69 *Salvum me fac*

1 Save me, O God, *
for the waters have risen up to my neck.

2 I am sinking in deep mire, *
and there is no firm ground for my feet.

3 I have come into deep waters, *
and the torrent washes over me.

4 I have grown weary with my crying;
my throat is inflamed; *
my eyes have failed from looking for my God.

5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head;
my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. *
Must I then give back what I never stole?

6 O God, you know my foolishness, *
and my faults are not hidden from you.

7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through
me, LORD GOD of hosts; *
let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me,
O God of Israel.

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *
and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *
an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.

12 I put on sack-cloth also, *
and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, *
and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, *
at the time you have set, O LORD:

15 "In your great mercy, O God, *
answer me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; *
let me be rescued from those who hate me
and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,
neither let the deep swallow me up; *
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; *
in your great compassion, turn to me."

19 “Hide not your face from your servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; *
because of my enemies deliver me.

21 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; *
my adversaries are all in your sight.”

22 Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; *
I looked for sympathy, but there was none,
for comforters, but I could find no one.

23 They gave me gall to eat, *
and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

24 Let the table before them be a trap *
and their sacred feasts a snare.

25 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, *
and give them continual trembling in their loins.

26 Pour out your indignation upon them, *
and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.

27 Let their camp be desolate, *
and let there be none to dwell in their tents.

28 For they persecute him whom you have stricken *
and add to the pain of those whom you have pierced.

29 Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt, *
and let them not receive your vindication.

30 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living *
and not be written among the righteous.

31 As for me, I am afflicted and in pain; *
your help, O God, will lift me up on high.

32 I will praise the Name of God in song; *
I will proclaim his greatness with thanksgiving.

33 This will please the LORD more than an offering of oxen, *
more than bullocks with horns and hoofs.

34 The afflicted shall see and be glad; *
you who seek God, your heart shall live.

35 For the LORD listens to the needy, *
and his prisoners he does not despise.

36 Let the heavens and the earth praise him, *
the seas and all that moves in them;

37 For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; *
they shall live there and have it in possession.

38 The children of his servants will inherit it, *
and those who love his Name will dwell therein.

70 *Deus, in adjutorium*

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

Fourteenth Day: Morning Prayer

71 *In te, Domine, speravi*

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, *
my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.

7 I have become a portent to many; *
but you are my refuge and my strength.

8 Let my mouth be full of your praise *
and your glory all the day long.

9 Do not cast me off in my old age; *
forsake me not when my strength fails.

10 For my enemies are talking against me, *
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.

11 They say, "God has forsaken him;
go after him and seize him; *
because there is none who will save."

12 O God, be not far from me; *
come quickly to help me, O my God.

13 Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame
and be disgraced; *
let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn
and reproach.

14 But I shall always wait in patience, *
and shall praise you more and more.

15 My mouth shall recount your mighty acts
and saving deeds all day long; *
though I cannot know the number of them.

16 I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord GOD; *
I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.

17 O God, you have taught me since I was young, *
and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

18 And now that I am old and gray-headed,
O God, do not forsake me, *
till I make known your strength to this generation
and your power to all who are to come.

19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens; *
you have done great things;
who is like you, O God?

20 You have showed me great troubles and adversities, *
but you will restore my life and bring me up again
from the deep places of the earth.

21 You strengthen me more and more; *
you enfold and comfort me,

22 Therefore I will praise you upon the lyre for your
faithfulness, O my God; *
I will sing to you with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips will sing with joy when I play to you, *
and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.

24 My tongue will proclaim your righteousness all day long, *
for they are ashamed and disgraced who sought to do me harm.

72 *Deus, judicium*

1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

8 He shall rule from sea to sea, *
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

9 His foes shall bow down before him, *
and his enemies lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live!
and may there be given to him gold from Arabia; *
may prayer be made for him always,
and may they bless him all the day long.

16 May there be abundance of grain on the earth,
growing thick even on the hilltops; *
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon,
and its grain like grass upon the earth.

17 May his Name remain for ever
and be established as long as the sun endures; *
may all the nations bless themselves in him and call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Book Three

Fourteenth Day: Evening Prayer

73 *Quam bonus Israel!*

1 Truly, God is good to Israel, *
to those who are pure in heart.

2 But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped; *
I had almost tripped and fallen;

3 Because I envied the proud *
and saw the prosperity of the wicked:

4 For they suffer no pain, *
and their bodies are sleek and sound;

5 In the misfortunes of others they have no share; *
they are not afflicted as others are;

6 Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace *
and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.

7 Their iniquity comes from gross minds, *
and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.

8 They scoff and speak maliciously; *
out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.

9 They set their mouths against the heavens, *
and their evil speech runs through the world.

10 And so the people turn to them *
and find in them no fault.

11 They say, "How should God know? *
is there knowledge in the Most High?"

12 So then, these are the wicked; *
always at ease, they increase their wealth.

13 In vain have I kept my heart clean, *
and washed my hands in innocence.

14 I have been afflicted all day long, *
and punished every morning.

15 Had I gone on speaking this way, *
I should have betrayed the generation of your children.

16 When I tried to understand these things, *
it was too hard for me;

17 Until I entered the sanctuary of God *
and discerned the end of the wicked.

18 Surely, you set them in slippery places; *
you cast them down in ruin.

19 Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, *
come to an end, and perish from terror!

20 Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, *
when you arise you will make their image vanish.

21 When my mind became embittered, *
I was sorely wounded in my heart.

22 I was stupid and had no understanding; *
I was like a brute beast in your presence.

23 Yet I am always with you; *
you hold me by my right hand.

24 You will guide me by your counsel, *
and afterwards receive me with glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you? *
and having you I desire nothing upon earth.

26 Though my flesh and my heart should waste away, *
God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

27 Truly, those who forsake you will perish; *
you destroy all who are unfaithful.

28 But it is good for me to be near God; *
I have made the LORD GOD my refuge.

29 I will speak of all your works *
in the gates of the city of Zion.

74 *Ut quid, Deus?*

1 O God, why have you utterly cast us off? *
why is your wrath so hot against the sheep of your pasture?

2 Remember your congregation that you purchased long ago, *
the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance,
and Mount Zion where you dwell.

3 Turn your steps toward the endless ruins; *
the enemy has laid waste everything in your sanctuary.

4 Your adversaries roared in your holy place; *
they set up their banners as tokens of victory.

5 They were like men coming up with axes to a grove of trees; *
they broke down all your carved work with hatchets and hammers.

6 They set fire to your holy place; *
they defiled the dwelling-place of your Name
and razed it to the ground.

7 They said to themselves, "Let us destroy them altogether." *
They burned down all the meeting-places of God in the land.

8 There are no signs for us to see;
there is no prophet left; *
there is not one among us who knows how long.

9 How long, O God, will the adversary scoff? *
will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?

10 Why do you draw back your hand? *
why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?

11 Yet God is my King from ancient times, *
victorious in the midst of the earth.

12 You divided the sea by your might *
and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;

13 You crushed the heads of Leviathan *
and gave him to the people of the desert for food.

14 You split open spring and torrent; *
you dried up ever-flowing rivers.

15 Yours is the day, yours also the night; *
you established the moon and the sun.

16 You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; *
you made both summer and winter.

17 Remember, O LORD, how the enemy scoffed, *
how a foolish people despised your Name.

18 Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; *
never forget the lives of your poor.

19 Look upon your covenant; *
the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.

20 Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed; *
let the poor and needy praise your Name.

21 Arise, O God, maintain your cause; *
remember how fools revile you all day long.

22 Forget not the clamor of your adversaries, *
the unending tumult of those who rise up against you.

Fifteenth Day: Morning Prayer

75 *Confitebimur tibi*

1 We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, *
calling upon your Name and declaring all your
wonderful deeds.

2 "I will appoint a time," says God; *
"I will judge with equity.

3 Though the earth and all its inhabitants are quaking, *
I will make its pillars fast.

4 I will say to the boasters, 'Boast no more,' *
and to the wicked, 'Do not toss your horns;

5 Do not toss your horns so high, *
nor speak with a proud neck.' "

6 For judgment is neither from the east nor from the west, *
nor yet from the wilderness or the mountains.

7 It is God who judges; *
he puts down one and lifts up another.

8 For in the LORD's hand there is a cup,
full of spiced and foaming wine, which he pours out, *
and all the wicked of the earth shall drink and drain the
dregs.

9 But I will rejoice for ever; *
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 He shall break off all the horns of the wicked; *
but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

76 *Notus in Judaea*

1 In Judah is God known; *
his Name is great in Israel.

2 At Salem is his tabernacle, *
and his dwelling is in Zion.

3 There he broke the flashing arrows, *
the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle.

4 How glorious you are! *
more splendid than the everlasting mountains!

5 The strong of heart have been despoiled;
they sink into sleep; *
none of the warriors can lift a hand.

6 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, *
both horse and rider lie stunned.

7 What terror you inspire! *
who can stand before you when you are angry?

8 From heaven you pronounced judgment; *
the earth was afraid and was still;

9 When God rose up to judgment *
and to save all the oppressed of the earth.

10 Truly, wrathful Edom will give you thanks, *
and the remnant of Hamath will keep your feasts.

11 Make a vow to the Lord your God and keep it; *
let all around him bring gifts to him who is worthy to
be feared.

12 He breaks the spirit of princes, *
and strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

77 *Voce mea ad Dominum*

1 I will cry aloud to God; *
I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; *
my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;
I refused to be comforted.

3 I think of God, I am restless, *
I ponder, and my spirit faints.

4 You will not let my eyelids close; *
I am troubled and I cannot speak.

5 I consider the days of old; *
I remember the years long past;

6 I commune with my heart in the night; *
I ponder and search my mind.

7 Will the Lord cast me off for ever? *
will he no more show his favor?

8 Has his loving-kindness come to an end for ever? *
has his promise failed for evermore?

9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? *
has he, in his anger, withheld his compassion?

10 And I said, "My grief is this: *
the right hand of the Most High has lost its power."

11 I will remember the works of the LORD, *
and call to mind your wonders of old time.

12 I will meditate on all your acts *
and ponder your mighty deeds.

13 Your way, O God, is holy; *
who is so great a god as our God?

14 You are the God who works wonders *
 and have declared your power among the peoples.

15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, *
 the children of Jacob and Joseph.

16 The waters saw you, O God;
the waters saw you and trembled; *
 the very depths were shaken.

17 The clouds poured out water;
the skies thundered; *
 your arrows flashed to and fro;

18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world; *
 the earth trembled and shook.

19 Your way was in the sea,
and your paths in the great waters, *
 yet your footsteps were not seen.

20 You led your people like a flock *
 by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Fifteenth Day: Evening Prayer

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Part I *Attendite, popule*

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

8 And not be like their forefathers,
a stubborn and rebellious generation, *
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
and whose spirit was not faithful to God.

9 The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, *
turned back in the day of battle;

10 They did not keep the covenant of God, *
and refused to walk in his law;

11 They forgot what he had done, *
and the wonders he had shown them.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
  and the waters gushed out like rivers.

17 But they went on sinning against him, *
  rebelling in the desert against the Most High.

18 They tested God in their hearts, *
  demanding food for their craving.

19 They railed against God and said, *
  "Can God set a table in the wilderness?

20 True, he struck the rock,
the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; *
  but is he able to give bread
  or to provide meat for his people?"

21 When the LORD heard this, he was full of wrath; *
  a fire was kindled against Jacob,
  and his anger mounted against Israel;

22 For they had no faith in God, *
  nor did they put their trust in his saving power.

23 So he commanded the clouds above *
  and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat *
  and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; *
  he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens *
  and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust *
  and winged birds like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp *
  and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, *
for he gave them what they craved.

30 But they did not stop their craving, *
though the food was still in their mouths.

31 So God's anger mounted against them; *
he slew their strongest men
and laid low the youth of Israel.

32 In spite of all this, they went on sinning *
and had no faith in his wonderful works.

33 So he brought their days to an end like a breath *
and their years in sudden terror.

34 Whenever he slew them, they would seek him, *
and repent, and diligently search for God.

35 They would remember that God was their rock, *
and the Most High God their redeemer.

36 But they flattered him with their mouths *
and lied to him with their tongues.

37 Their heart was not steadfast toward him, *
and they were not faithful to his covenant.

38 But he was so merciful that he forgave their sins
and did not destroy them; *
many times he held back his anger
and did not permit his wrath to be roused.

39 For he remembered that they were but flesh, *
a breath that goes forth and does not return.

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Part II *Quoties exacerbaverunt*

40 How often the people disobeyed him in the wilderness *
and offended him in the desert!

41 Again and again they tempted God *
  and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

42 They did not remember his power *
  in the day when he ransomed them from the enemy;

43 How he wrought his signs in Egypt *
  and his omens in the field of Zoan.

44 He turned their rivers into blood, *
  so that they could not drink of their streams.

45 He sent swarms of flies among them, which ate them
    up, *
  and frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave their crops to the caterpillar, *
  the fruit of their toil to the locust.

47 He killed their vines with hail *
  and their sycamores with frost.

48 He delivered their cattle to hailstones *
  and their livestock to hot thunderbolts.

49 He poured out upon them his blazing anger: *
  fury, indignation, and distress,
  a troop of destroying angels.

50 He gave full rein to his anger;
he did not spare their souls from death; *
  but delivered their lives to the plague.

51 He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt, *
  the flower of manhood in the dwellings of Ham.

52 He led out his people like sheep *
  and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; *
  but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 He brought them to his holy land, *
the mountain his right hand had won.

55 He drove out the Canaanites before them
and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; *
he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 But they tested the Most High God, and defied him, *
and did not keep his commandments.

57 They turned away and were disloyal like their fathers; *
they were undependable like a warped bow.

58 They grieved him with their hill-altars *
and provoked his displeasure with their idols.

59 When God heard this, he was angry *
and utterly rejected Israel.

60 He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, *
the tabernacle where he had lived among his people.

61 He delivered the ark into captivity, *
his glory into the adversary's hand.

62 He gave his people to the sword *
and was angered against his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men; *
there were no wedding songs for their maidens.

64 Their priests fell by the sword, *
and their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the Lord woke as though from sleep, *
like a warrior refreshed with wine.

66 He struck his enemies on the backside *
and put them to perpetual shame.

67 He rejected the tent of Joseph *
and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim;

68 He chose instead the tribe of Judah *
and Mount Zion, which he loved.

69 He built his sanctuary like the heights of heaven, *
like the earth which he founded for ever.

70 He chose David his servant, *
and took him away from the sheepfolds.

71 He brought him from following the ewes, *
to be a shepherd over Jacob his people
and over Israel his inheritance.

72 So he shepherded them with a faithful and true heart *
and guided them with the skillfulness of his hands.

Sixteenth Day: Morning Prayer

79 *Deus, venerunt*

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

5 How long will you be angry, O Lord? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

10 Why should the heathen say, "Where is their God?" *
Let it be known among the heathen and in our sight
that you avenge the shedding of your servants' blood.

11 Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you, *
and by your great might spare those who are condemned to die.

12 May the revilings with which they reviled you, O Lord, *
return seven-fold into their bosoms.

13 For we are your people and the sheep of your pasture; *
we will give you thanks for ever
and show forth your praise from age to age.

80 *Qui regis Israel*

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; *
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

81 *Exultate Deo*

1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

2 Raise a song and sound the timbrel, *
the merry harp, and the lyre.

3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, *
and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

4 For this is a statute for Israel, *
a law of the God of Jacob.

5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, *
when he came out of the land of Egypt.

6 I heard an unfamiliar voice saying *
"I eased his shoulder from the burden;
his hands were set free from bearing the load."

7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; *
I answered you from the secret place of thunder
and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: *
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

9 There shall be no strange god among you; *
you shall not worship a foreign god.

10 I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

Sixteenth Day: Evening Prayer

82 *Deus stetit*

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

2 "How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince.' "

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.

83 *Deus, quis similis?*

1 O God, do not be silent; *
do not keep still nor hold your peace, O God;

2 For your enemies are in tumult, *
and those who hate you have lifted up their heads.

3 They take secret counsel against your people *
and plot against those whom you protect.

4 They have said, "Come, let us wipe them out from among the nations; *
let the name of Israel be remembered no more."

5 They have conspired together; *
they have made an alliance against you:

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; *
the Moabites and the Hagarenes;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; *
the Philistines and those who dwell in Tyre.

8 The Assyrians also have joined them, *
and have come to help the people of Lot.

9 Do to them as you did to Midian, *
to Sisera, and to Jabin at the river of Kishon:

10 They were destroyed at Endor; *
they became like dung upon the ground.

11 Make their leaders like Oreb and Zeeb, *
and all their commanders like Zebah and Zalmunna,

12 Who said, "Let us take for ourselves *
the fields of God as our possession."

13 O my God, make them like whirling dust *
and like chaff before the wind;

14 Like fire that burns down a forest, *
like the flame that sets mountains ablaze.

15 Drive them with your tempest *
and terrify them with your storm;

16 Cover their faces with shame, O LORD,
that they may seek your Name.

17 Let them be disgraced and terrified for ever;
let them be put to confusion and perish.

18 Let them know that you, whose Name is YAHWEH, *
you alone are the Most High over all the earth.

84 *Quam dilecta!*

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

85 *Benedixisti, Domine*

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.

3 You have withdrawn all your fury *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; *
let your anger depart from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? *
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

6 Will you not give us life again, *
that your people may rejoice in you?

7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, *
and grant us your salvation.

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Seventeenth Day: Morning Prayer

86 *Inclina, Domine*

1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, *
nor anything like your works.

9 All nations you have made will come and worship you,
O Lord, *
and glorify your Name.

10 For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.

11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

87 *Fundamenta ejus*

1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; *
the LORD loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Glorious things are spoken of you, *
O city of our God.

3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; *
behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia:
in Zion were they born.

4 Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her, *
and the Most High himself shall sustain her."

5 The LORD will record as he enrolls the peoples, *
"These also were born there."

6 The singers and the dancers will say, *
"All my fresh springs are in you."

88 *Domine, Deus*

1 O LORD, my God, my Savior, *
by day and night I cry to you.

2 Let my prayer enter into your presence; *
incline your ear to my lamentation.

3 For I am full of trouble; *
my life is at the brink of the grave.

4 I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; *
I have become like one who has no strength;

5 Lost among the dead, *
like the slain who lie in the grave,

6 Whom you remember no more, *
for they are cut off from your hand.

7 You have laid me in the depths of the Pit, *
in dark places, and in the abyss.

8 Your anger weighs upon me heavily, *
and all your great waves overwhelm me.

9 You have put my friends far from me;
you have made me to be abhorred by them; *
I am in prison and cannot get free.

10 My sight has failed me because of trouble; *
LORD, I have called upon you daily;
I have stretched out my hands to you.

11 Do you work wonders for the dead? *
will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?

12 Will your loving-kindness be declared in the grave? *
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

13 Will your wonders be known in the dark? *
or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?

14 But as for me, O LORD, I cry to you for help; *
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

15 LORD, why have you rejected me? *
why have you hidden your face from me?

16 Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death; *
I have borne your terrors with a troubled mind.

17 Your blazing anger has swept over me; *
your terrors have destroyed me;

18 They surround me all day long like a flood; *
they encompass me on every side.

19 My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me, *
and darkness is my only companion.

Seventeenth Day: Evening Prayer

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Part I *Misericordias Domini*

1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

4 'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.' "

5 The heavens bear witness to your wonders, O Lord, *
and to your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones;

6 For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? *
who is like the Lord among the gods?

7 God is much to be feared in the council of the holy ones, *
great and terrible to all those round about him.

8 Who is like you, Lord God of hosts? *
O mighty Lord, your faithfulness is all around you.

9 You rule the raging of the sea *
and still the surging of its waves.

10 You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a deadly wound; *
you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; *
you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it.

12 You have made the north and the south; *
Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your Name.

13 You have a mighty arm; *
strong is your hand and high is your right hand.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; *
love and truth go before your face.

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the Lord is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

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Part II *Tunc locutus es*

19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: *
"I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

27 I will make him my firstborn *
and higher than the kings of the earth.

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, *
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

29 I will establish his line for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven."

30 "If his children forsake my law *
and do not walk according to my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes *
and do not keep my commandments;

32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod *
and their iniquities with the lash;

33 But I will not take my love from him, *
nor let my faithfulness prove false.

34 I will not break my covenant, *
nor change what has gone out of my lips.

35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: *
'I will not lie to David.

36 His line shall endure for ever *
and his throne as the sun before me;

37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, *
the abiding witness in the sky.' "

38 But you have cast off and rejected your anointed; *
you have become enraged at him.

39 You have broken your covenant with your servant, *
defiled his crown, and hurled it to the ground.

40 You have breached all his walls *
and laid his strongholds in ruins.

41 All who pass by despoil him; *
he has become the scorn of his neighbors.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his foes *
and made all his enemies rejoice.

43 You have turned back the edge of his sword *
and have not sustained him in battle.

44 You have put an end to his splendor *
and cast his throne to the ground.

45 You have cut short the days of his youth *
   and have covered him with shame.

46 How long will you hide yourself, O LORD?
will you hide yourself for ever? *
   how long will your anger burn like fire?

47 Remember, LORD, how short life is,
   how frail you have made all flesh.

48 Who can live and not see death? *
   who can save himself from the power of the grave?

49 Where, Lord, are your loving-kindnesses of old, *
   which you promised David in your faithfulness?

50 Remember, Lord, how your servant is mocked, *
   how I carry in my bosom the taunts of many peoples,

51 The taunts your enemies have hurled, O LORD, *
   which they hurled at the heels of your anointed.

52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore! *
   Amen, I say, Amen.

Book Four

Eighteenth Day: Morning Prayer

90 *Domine, refugium*

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
   from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
   from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
   "Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you
afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

91 *Qui habitat*

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand, *
but it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes have only to behold *
to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

92 *Bonum est confiteri*

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;

3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

5 Lord, how great are your works! *
your thoughts are very deep.

6 The dullard does not know,
nor does the fool understand, *
that though the wicked grow like weeds,
and all the workers of iniquity flourish,

7 They flourish only to be destroyed for ever; *
but you, O LORD, are exalted for evermore.

8 For lo, your enemies, O LORD,
lo, your enemies shall perish, *
and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

9 But my horn you have exalted like the horns of wild bulls; *
I am anointed with fresh oil.

10 My eyes also gloat over my enemies, *
and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of the wicked who rise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD, *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

Eighteenth Day: Evening Prayer

93 *Dominus regnavit*

1 The LORD is King;
he has put on splendid apparel; *
the LORD has put on his apparel
and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been
established; *
you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD,
the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,
for ever and for evermore.

94 *Deus ultionum*

1 O LORD God of vengeance, *
O God of vengeance, show yourself.

2 Rise up, O Judge of the world; *
give the arrogant their just deserts.

3 How long shall the wicked, O LORD, *
how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 They bluster in their insolence; *
all evildoers are full of boasting.

5 They crush your people, O LORD, *
and afflict your chosen nation.

6 They murder the widow and the stranger *
and put the orphans to death.

7 Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, *
the God of Jacob takes no notice."

8 Consider well, you dullards among the people; *
when will you fools understand?

9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear? *
he that formed the eye, does he not see?

10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? *
he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?

11 The LORD knows our human thoughts; *
how like a puff of wind they are.

12 Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! *
whom you teach out of your law;

13 To give them rest in evil days, *
until a pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not abandon his people, *
nor will he forsake his own.

15 For judgment will again be just, *
and all the true of heart will follow it.

16 Who rose up for me against the wicked? *
who took my part against the evildoers?

17 If the LORD had not come to my help, *
I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.

18 As often as I said, "My foot has slipped," *
your love, O LORD, upheld me.

19 When many cares fill my mind, *
your consolations cheer my soul.

20 Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you, *
one which frames evil into law?

21 They conspire against the life of the just *
and condemn the innocent to death.

22 But the LORD has become my stronghold, *
and my God the rock of my trust.

23 He will turn their wickedness back upon them
and destroy them in their own malice; *
the LORD our God will destroy them.

Nineteenth Day: Morning Prayer

95 *Venite, exultemus*

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.

9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."

11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

96 *Cantate Domino*

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

97 *Dominus regnavit*

1 The Lord is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O Lord.

9 For you are the Lord,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

Nineteenth Day: Evening Prayer

98 *Cantate Domino*

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

11 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

99 *Dominus regnavit*

1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and
awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave
them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

100 *Jubilate Deo*

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

101 *Misericordiam et judicium*

1 I will sing of mercy and justice; *
to you, O Lord, will I sing praises.

2 I will strive to follow a blameless course;
oh, when will you come to me? *
I will walk with sincerity of heart within my house.

3 I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; *
I hate the doers of evil deeds;
they shall not remain with me.

4 A crooked heart shall be far from me; *
I will not know evil.

5 Those who in secret slander their neighbors I will destroy; *
those who have a haughty look and a proud heart I cannot abide.

6 My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me, *
and only those who lead a blameless life shall be my servants.

7 Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house, *
and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.

8 I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, *
that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the LORD.

Twentieth Day: Morning Prayer

102 *Domine, exaudi*

1 LORD, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; *
hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
when I call, make haste to answer me,

3 For my days drift away like smoke, *
and my bones are hot as burning coals.

4 My heart is smitten like grass and withered, *
so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 Because of the voice of my groaning *
I am but skin and bones.

6 I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, *
like an owl among the ruins.

7 I lie awake and groan; *
I am like a sparrow, lonely on a house-top.

8 My enemies revile me all day long, *
and those who scoff at me have taken an oath against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes for bread *
and mingled my drink with weeping.

10 Because of your indignation and wrath *
you have lifted me up and thrown me away.

11 My days pass away like a shadow, *
and I wither like the grass.

12 But you, O LORD, endure for ever, *
and your Name from age to age.

13 You will arise and have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to have mercy upon her; *
indeed, the appointed time has come.

14 For your servants love her very rubble, *
and are moved to pity even for her dust.

15 The nations shall fear your Name, O LORD, *
and all the kings of the earth your glory.

16 For the LORD will build up Zion, *
and his glory will appear.

17 He will look with favor on the prayer of the homeless; *
he will not despise their plea.

18 Let this be written for a future generation, *
so that a people yet unborn may praise the LORD.

19 For the LORD looked down from his holy place on high; *
from the heavens he beheld the earth;

20 That he might hear the groan of the captive *
and set free those condemned to die;

21 That they may declare in Zion the Name of the Lord, *
and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the peoples are gathered together, *
and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.

23 He has brought down my strength before my time; *
he has shortened the number of my days;

24 And I said, "O my God,
do not take me away in the midst of my days; *
your years endure throughout all generations.

25 In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, *
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

26 They shall perish, but you will endure;
they all shall wear out like a garment; *
as clothing you will change them,
and they shall be changed;

27 But you are always the same, *
and your years will never end.

28 The children of your servants shall continue, *
and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight."

103 *Benedic, anima mea*

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass; *
we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, *
and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever
on those who fear him, *
and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant *
and remember his commandments and do them.

19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven, *
and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding, *
and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, *
you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion; *
bless the Lord, O my soul.

Twentieth Day: Evening Prayer

104 *Benedic, anima mea*

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; *
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.

10 You send the springs into the valleys; *
they flow between the mountains.

11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, *
and the wild asses quench their thirst.

12 Beside them the birds of the air make their nests *
and sing among the branches.

13 You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; *
the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.

14 You make grass grow for flocks and herds *
and plants to serve mankind;

15 That they may bring forth food from the earth, *
and wine to gladden our hearts,

16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strengthen the heart.

17 The trees of the LORD are full of sap, *
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,

18 In which the birds build their nests, *
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.

19 The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, *
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.

20 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, *
and the sun knows the time of its setting.

21 You make darkness that it may be night, *
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.

22 The lions roar after their prey *
and seek their food from God.

23 The sun rises, and they slip away *
and lay themselves down in their dens.

24 Man goes forth to his work *
and to his labor until the evening.

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.

36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, *
and the wicked be no more.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

Twenty-first Day: Morning Prayer

105 Part I *Confitemini Domino*

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the Lord our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."

12 When they were few in number, *
of little account, and sojourners in the land,

13 Wandering from nation to nation *
and from one kingdom to another,

14 He let no one oppress them *
and rebuked kings for their sake,

15 Saying, "Do not touch my anointed *
and do my prophets no harm."

16 Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.

19 Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the Lord tested him.

20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

21 He set him as a master over his household, *
as a ruler over all his possessions,

22 To instruct his princes according to his will *
and to teach his elders wisdom.

105

Part II *Et intravit Israel*

23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 They worked his signs among them, *
and portents in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and it grew dark; *
but the Egyptians rebelled against his words.

29 He turned their waters into blood *
and caused their fish to die.

30 Their land was overrun by frogs, *
in the very chambers of their kings.

31 He spoke, and there came swarms of insects *
and gnats within all their borders.

32 He gave them hailstones instead of rain, *
and flames of fire throughout their land.

33 He blasted their vines and their fig trees *
and shattered every tree in their country.

34 He spoke, and the locust came, *
and young locusts without number,

35 Which ate up all the green plants in their land *
and devoured the fruit of their soil.

36 He struck down the firstborn of their land, *
the first fruits of all their strength.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.

42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

Twenty-first Day: Evening Prayer

106

Part I *Confitemini Domino*

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord ORD, with
the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

7 In Egypt they did not consider your marvelous works,
nor remember the abundance of your love; *
they defied the Most High at the Red Sea.

8 But he saved them for his Name's sake, *
to make his power known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up, *
and he led them through the deep as through a desert.

10 He saved them from the hand of those who hated them *
and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 The waters covered their oppressors; *
not one of them was left.

12 Then they believed his words *
and sang him songs of praise.

13 But they soon forgot his deeds *
and did not wait for his counsel.

14 A craving seized them in the wilderness, *
and they put God to the test in the desert.

15 He gave them what they asked, *
but sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Moses in the camp, *
and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD.

17 The earth opened and swallowed Dathan *
and covered the company of Abiram.

18 Fire blazed up against their company, *
and flames devoured the wicked.

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Part II *Et fecerunt vitulum*

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

24 They refused the pleasant land *
and would not believe his promise.

25 They grumbled in their tents *
and would not listen to the voice of the LORD.

26 So he lifted his hand against them, *
to overthrow them in the wilderness,

27 To cast out their seed among the nations, *
and to scatter them throughout the lands.

28 They joined themselves to Baal-Peor *
and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.

29 They provoked him to anger with their actions, *
and a plague broke out among them.

30 Then Phinehas stood up and interceded, *
and the plague came to an end.

31 This was reckoned to him as righteousness *
throughout all generations for ever.

32 Again they provoked his anger at the waters of Meribah, *
so that he punished Moses because of them;

33 For they so embittered his spirit *
that he spoke rash words with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples *
as the LORD had commanded them.

35 They intermingled with the heathen *
and learned their pagan ways,

36 So that they worshiped their idols, *
which became a snare to them.

37 They sacrificed their sons *
and their daughters to evil spirits.

38 They shed innocent blood,
the blood of their sons and daughters, *
which they offered to the idols of Canaan,
and the land was defiled with blood.

39 Thus they were polluted by their actions *
and went whoring in their evil deeds.

40 Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against his
people *
and he abhorred his inheritance.

41 He gave them over to the hand of the heathen, *
and those who hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies oppressed them, *
and they were humbled under their hand.

43 Many a time did he deliver them,
but they rebelled through their own devices, *
and were brought down in their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless, he saw their distress, *
when he heard their lamentation.

45 He remembered his covenant with them *
and relented in accordance with his great mercy.

46 He caused them to be pitied *
by those who held them captive.

47 Save us, O LORD our God,
and gather us from among the nations, *
that we may give thanks to your holy Name
and glory in your praise.

48 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting and to everlasting; *
and let all the people say, "Amen!"
Hallelujah!

Book Five

Twenty-second Day: Morning Prayer

107

Part I *Confitemini Domino*

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

4 Some wandered in desert wastes; *
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

5 They were hungry and thirsty; *
their spirits languished within them.

6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

7 He put their feet on a straight path *
to go to a city where they might dwell.

8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

9 For he satisfies the thirsty *
and fills the hungry with good things.

10 Some sat in darkness and deep gloom, *
bound fast in misery and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God *
and despised the counsel of the Most High.

12 So he humbled their spirits with hard labor; *
they stumbled, and there was none to help.

13 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

14 He led them out of darkness and deep gloom *
and broke their bonds asunder.

15 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

16 For he shatters the doors of bronze *
and breaks in two the iron bars.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

23 Some went down to the sea in ships *
and plied their trade in deep waters;

24 They beheld the works of the Lord *
and his wonders in the deep.

25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, *
which tossed high the waves of the sea.

26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; *
their hearts melted because of their peril.

27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards *
and were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

29 He stilled the storm to a whisper *
and quieted the waves of the sea.

30 Then were they glad because of the calm, *
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people *
and praise him in the council of the elders.

107

Part II *Posuit flumina*

33 The Lord changed rivers into deserts, *
and water-springs into thirsty ground,

34 A fruitful land into salt flats, *
because of the wickedness of those who dwell there.

35 He changed deserts into pools of water *
and dry land into water-springs.

36 He settled the hungry there, *
and they founded a city to dwell in.

37 They sowed fields, and planted vineyards, *
and brought in a fruitful harvest.

38 He blessed them, so that they increased greatly; *
he did not let their herds decrease.

39 Yet when they were diminished and brought low, *
through stress of adversity and sorrow,

40 (He pours contempt on princes *
and makes them wander in trackless wastes)

41 He lifted up the poor out of misery *
and multiplied their families like flocks of sheep.

42 The upright will see this and rejoice, *
but all wickedness will shut its mouth.

43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things, *
and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

Twenty-second Day: Evening Prayer

108 *Paratum cor meum*

1 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; *
I will sing and make melody.

2 Wake up, my spirit;
awake, lute and harp; *
I myself will waken the dawn.

3 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; *
I will sing praises to you among the nations.

4 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, *
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

5 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, *
and your glory over all the earth.

6 So that those who are dear to you may be delivered, *
save with your right hand and answer me.

7 God spoke from his holy place and said, *
"I will exult and parcel out Shechem;
I will divide the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; *
Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

9 Moab is my washbasin,
on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, *
and over Philistia will I shout in triumph."

10 Who will lead me into the strong city? *
who will bring me into Edom?

11 Have you not cast us off, O God? *
you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

12 Grant us your help against the enemy, *
for vain is the help of man.

13 With God we will do valiant deeds, *
and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

109 *Deus, laudem*

1 Hold not your tongue, O God of my praise; *
for the mouth of the wicked,
he mouth of the deceitful, is opened against me.

2 They speak to me with a lying tongue; *
they encompass me with hateful words
and fight against me without a cause.

3 Despite my love, they accuse me; *
but as for me, I pray for them.

4 They repay evil for good, *
and hatred for my love.

5 Set a wicked man against him, *
and let an accuser stand at his right hand.

6 When he is judged, let him be found guilty, *
and let his appeal be in vain.

7 Let his days be few, *
and let another take his office.

8 Let his children be fatherless, *
and his wife become a widow.

9 Let his children be waifs and beggars; *
let them be driven from the ruins of their homes.

10 Let the creditor seize everything he has; *
let strangers plunder his gains.

11 Let there be no one to show him kindness, *
and none to pity his fatherless children.

12 Let his descendants be destroyed, *
and his name be blotted out in the next generation.

13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, *
and his mother's sin not be blotted out;

14 Let their sin be always before the LORD; *
but let him root out their names from the earth;

15 Because he did not remember to show mercy, *
but persecuted the poor and needy
and sought to kill the brokenhearted.

16 He loved cursing,
let it come upon him; *
he took no delight in blessing,
let it depart from him.

17 He put on cursing like a garment, *
let it soak into his body like water
and into his bones like oil;

18 Let it be to him like the cloak which he wraps around himself, *
and like the belt that he wears continually.

19 Let this be the recompense from the LORD to my accusers, *
and to those who speak evil against me.

20 But you, O Lord my GOD,
oh, deal with me according to your Name; *
for your tender mercy's sake, deliver me.

21 For I am poor and needy, *
and my heart is wounded within me.

22 I have faded away like a shadow when it lengthens; *
I am shaken off like a locust.

23 My knees are weak through fasting, *
and my flesh is wasted and gaunt.

24 I have become a reproach to them; *
they see and shake their heads.

25 Help me, O LORD my God; *
save me for your mercy's sake.

26 Let them know that this is your hand, *
that you, O LORD, have done it.

27 They may curse, but you will bless; *
let those who rise up against me be put to shame,
and your servant will rejoice.

28 Let my accusers be clothed with disgrace *
and wrap themselves in their shame as in a cloak.

29 I will give great thanks to the LORD with my mouth; *
in the midst of the multitude will I praise him;

30 Because he stands at the right hand of the needy, *
to save his life from those who would condemn him.

Twenty-third Day: Morning Prayer

110 *Dixit Dominus*

1 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, *
until I make your enemies your footstool."

2 The LORD will send the scepter of your power out of
Zion, *
saying, "Rule over your enemies round about you.

3 Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; *
in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you,
like dew from the womb of the morning."

4 The LORD has sworn and he will not recant: *
"You are a priest for ever after the order of
Melchizedek."

5 The Lord who is at your right hand
will smite kings in the day of his wrath; *
he will rule over the nations.

6 He will heap high the corpses; *
he will smash heads over the wide earth.

7 He will drink from the brook beside the road; *
therefore he will lift high his head.

111 *Confitebor tibi*

1 Hallelujah!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

112 *Beatus vir*

1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting
remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

113 *Laudate, pueri*

1 Hallelujah!
Give praise, you servants of the Lord; *
praise the Name of the Lord.

2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the Lord be praised.

4 The Lord is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on
high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

Twenty-third Day: Evening Prayer

114 *In exitu Israel*

1 Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

115 *Non nobis, Domine*

1 Not to us, O Lord, not to us,
but to your Name give glory; *
because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

2 Why should the heathen say, *
  "Where then is their God?"

3 Our God is in heaven; *
  whatever he wills to do he does.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, *
  the work of human hands.

5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; *
  eyes have they, but they cannot see;

6 They have ears, but they cannot hear; *
  noses, but they cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel;
feet, but they cannot walk; *
  they make no sound with their throat.

8 Those who make them are like them, *
  and so are all who put their trust in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; *
  he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; *
  he is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; *
  he is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; *
he will bless the house of Israel;
  he will bless the house of Aaron;

13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, *
  both small and great together.

14 May the LORD increase you more and more, *
  you and your children after you.

15 May you be blessed by the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heaven of heavens is the Lord's, *
but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

17 The dead do not praise the Lord, *
nor all those who go down into silence;

18 But we will bless the Lord, *
from this time forth for evermore.
Hallelujah!

Twenty-fourth Day: Morning Prayer

116 *Dilexi, quoniam*

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,*
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.

5 The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the Lord has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.

9 I believed, even when I said,
"I have been brought very low." *
In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."

10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

117 *Laudate Dominum*

1 Praise the LORD, all you nations; *
laud him, all you peoples.

2 For his loving-kindness toward us is great, *
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.
Hallelujah!

118 *Confitemini Domino*

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

4 Let those who fear the LORD now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

5 I called to the LORD in my distress; *
the LORD answered by setting me free.

6 The LORD is at my side, therefore I will not fear; *
what can anyone do to me?

7 The LORD is at my side to help me; *
I will triumph over those who hate me.

8 It is better to rely on the LORD *
than to put any trust in flesh.

9 It is better to rely on the LORD *
than to put any trust in rulers.

10 All the ungodly encompass me; *
in the name of the LORD I will repel them.

11 They hem me in, they hem me in on every side; *
in the name of the LORD I will repel them.

12 They swarm about me like bees;
they blaze like a fire of thorns; *
in the name of the LORD I will repel them.

13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell, *
but the LORD came to my help.

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Twenty-fourth Day: Evening Prayer

119

I. Aleph *Beati immaculati*

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the LORD!

3 Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.

4 You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

II. Beth *In quo corrigit?*

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? *
By keeping to your words.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; *
let me not stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, *
that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O LORD; *
instruct me in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I recite *
all the judgments of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *
than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments *
and give attention to your ways.

16 My delight is in your statutes; *
I will not forget your word.

III. Gimel *Retribue servo tuo*

17 Deal bountifully with your servant, *
that I may live and keep your word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may see *
the wonders of your law.

19 I am a stranger here on earth; *
do not hide your commandments from me.

20 My soul is consumed at all times *
with longing for your judgments.

21 You have rebuked the insolent; *
cursed are they who stray from your commandments!

22 Turn from me shame and rebuke, *
for I have kept your decrees.

23 Even though rulers sit and plot against me, *
I will meditate on your statutes.

24 For your decrees are my delight, *
and they are my counselors.

IV. Daleth *Adhaesit pavimento*

25 My soul cleaves to the dust; *
give me life according to your word.

26 I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; *
instruct me in your statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, *
that I may meditate on your marvelous works.

28 My soul melts away for sorrow; *
strengthen me according to your word.

29 Take from me the way of lying; *
let me find grace through your law.

30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; *
I have set your judgments before me.

31 I hold fast to your decrees; *
O Lord, let me not be put to shame.

32 I will run the way of your commandments, *
or you have set my heart at liberty.

Twenty-fifth Day: Morning Prayer

V. He *Legem pone*

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

VI. Waw *Et veniat super me*

41 Let your loving-kindness come to me, O Lord, *
and your salvation, according to your promise.

42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, *
because I trust in your words.

43 Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, *
for my hope is in your judgments.

44 I shall continue to keep your law; *
I shall keep it for ever and ever.

45 I will walk at liberty, *
because I study your commandments.

46 I will tell of your decrees before kings *
and will not be ashamed.

47 I delight in your commandments, *
which I have always loved.

48 I will lift up my hands to your commandments, *
and I will meditate on your statutes.

VII. Zayin *Memor esto verbi tui*

49 Remember your word to your servant, *
because you have given me hope.

50 This is my comfort in my trouble, *
that your promise gives me life.

51 The proud have derided me cruelly, *
but I have not turned from your law.

52 When I remember your judgments of old, *
O LORD, I take great comfort.

53 I am filled with a burning rage, *
because of the wicked who forsake your law.

54 Your statutes have been like songs to me *
wherever I have lived as a stranger.

55 I remember your Name in the night, O LORD, *
and dwell upon your law.

56 This is how it has been with me, *
because I have kept your commandments.

VIII. Heth *Portio mea, Domine*

57 You only are my portion, O LORD; *
I have promised to keep your words.

58 I entreat you with all my heart, *
be merciful to me according to your promise.

59 I have considered my ways *
and turned my feet toward your decrees.

60 I hasten and do not tarry *
to keep your commandments.

61 Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, *
I do not forget your law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, *
because of your righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all who fear you; *
and of those who keep your commandments.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of your love; *
instruct me in your statutes.

IX. Teth *Bonitatem fecisti*

65 O LORD, you have dealt graciously with your servant, *
according to your word.

66 Teach me discernment and knowledge, *
for I have believed in your commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, *
but now I keep your word.

68 You are good and you bring forth good; *
instruct me in your statutes.

69 The proud have smeared me with lies, *
but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.

70 Their heart is gross and fat, *
but my delight is in your law.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, *
that I might learn your statutes.

72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me *
than thousands in gold and silver.

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X. Yodh *Manus tuae fecerunt me*

73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; *
give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.

74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, *
because I trust in your word.

75 I know, O Lord, that your judgments are right *
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

76 Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, *
as you have promised to your servant.

77 Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, *
for your law is my delight.

78 Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; *
but I will meditate on your commandments.

79 Let those who fear you turn to me, *
and also those who know your decrees.

80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, *
that I may not be put to shame.

XI. Kaph *Defecit in salutare*

81 My soul has longed for your salvation; *
I have put my hope in your word.

82 My eyes have failed from watching for your promise, *
and I say, "When will you comfort me?"

83 I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, *
but I have not forgotten your statutes.

84 How much longer must I wait? *
when will you give judgment against those who
persecute me?

85 The proud have dug pits for me; *
they do not keep your law.

86 All your commandments are true; *
help me, for they persecute me with lies.

87 They had almost made an end of me on earth, *
but I have not forsaken your commandments.

88 In your loving-kindness, revive me, *
that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

XII. Lamedh *In aeternum, Domine*

89 O LORD, your word is everlasting; *
it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to
another; *
you established the earth, and it abides.

91 By your decree these continue to this day, *
for all things are your servants.

92 If my delight had not been in your law, *
I should have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your commandments, *
because by them you give me life.

94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me! *
for I study your commandments.

95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me, *
will apply my mind to your decrees.

96 I see that all things come to an end, *
but your commandment has no bounds.

XIII. Mem *Quomodo dilexi!*

97 Oh, how I love your law! *
all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *
and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, *
for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, *
because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, *
that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, *
because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! *
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; *
therefore I hate every lying way.

Twenty-sixth Day: Morning Prayer

XIV. Nun *Lucerna pedibus meis*

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

XV. Samekh *Iniquos odio habui*

113 I hate those who have a divided heart, *
but your law do I love.

114 You are my refuge and shield; *
my hope is in your word.

115 Away from me, you wicked! *
I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Sustain me according to your promise, that I may live, *
and let me not be disappointed in my hope.

117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, *
and my delight shall be ever in your statutes.

118 You spurn all who stray from your statutes; *
their deceitfulness is in vain.

119 In your sight all the wicked of the earth are but dross; *
therefore I love your decrees.

120 My flesh trembles with dread of you; *
I am afraid of your judgments.

XVI. Ayin *Feci judicium*

121 I have done what is just and right; *
do not deliver me to my oppressors.

122 Be surety for your servant's good; *
let not the proud oppress me.

123 My eyes have failed from watching for your salvation *
and for your righteous promise.

124 Deal with your servant according to your loving-
kindness *
and teach me your statutes.

125 I am your servant; grant me understanding, *
that I may know your decrees.

126 It is time for you to act, O Lord, *
for they have broken your law.

127 Truly, I love your commandments *
more than gold and precious stones.

128 I hold all your commandments to be right for me; *
all paths of falsehood I abhor.

XVII. Pe *Mirabilia*

129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

XVIII. Sadhe *Justus es, Domine*

137 You are righteous, O Lord, *
and upright are your judgments.

138 You have issued your decrees *
with justice and in perfect faithfulness.

139 My indignation has consumed me, *
because my enemies forget your words.

140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, *
and your servant holds it dear.

141 I am small and of little account, *
yet I do not forget your commandments.

142 Your justice is an everlasting justice *
and your law is the truth.

143 Trouble and distress have come upon me, *
yet your commandments are my delight.

144 The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; *
grant me understanding, that I may live.

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XIX. Qoph *Clamavi in toto corde meo*

145 I call with my whole heart; *
answer me, O Lord, that I may keep your statutes.

146 I call to you;
oh, that you would save me! *
I will keep your decrees.

147 Early in the morning I cry out to you, *
for in your word is my trust.

148 My eyes are open in the night watches, *
that I may meditate upon your promise.

149 Hear my voice, O Lord, according to your loving-
kindness; *
according to your judgments, give me life.

150 They draw near who in malice persecute me; *
they are very far from your law.

151 You, O Lord, are near at hand, *
and all your commandments are true.

152 Long have I known from your decrees *
that you have established them for ever.

XX. Resh *Vide humilitatem*

153 Behold my affliction and deliver me, *
for I do not forget your law.

154 Plead my cause and redeem me; *
according to your promise, give me life.

155 Deliverance is far from the wicked, *
for they do not study your statutes.

156 Great is your compassion, O Lord; *
preserve my life, according to your judgments.

157 There are many who persecute and oppress me, *
yet I have not swerved from your decrees.

158 I look with loathing at the faithless, *
for they have not kept your word.

159 See how I love your commandments! *
O Lord, in your mercy, preserve me.

160 The heart of your word is truth; *
all your righteous judgments endure for evermore.

XXI. Shin *Principes persecuti sunt*

161 Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, *
but my heart stands in awe of your word.

162 I am as glad because of your promise *
as one who finds great spoils.

163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them, *
but your law is my love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise you, *
because of your righteous judgments.

165 Great peace have they who love your law; *
for them there is no stumbling block.

166 I have hoped for your salvation, O LORD, *
and I have fulfilled your commandments.

167 I have kept your decrees *
and I have loved them deeply.

168 I have kept your commandments and decrees, *
for all my ways are before you.

XXII. Taw *Appropinquet deprecatio*

169 Let my cry come before you, O LORD; *
give me understanding, according to your word.

170 Let my supplication come before you; *
deliver me, according to your promise.

171 My lips shall pour forth your praise, *
when you teach me your statutes.

172 My tongue shall sing of your promise, *
for all your commandments are righteous.

173 Let your hand be ready to help me, *
for I have chosen your commandments.

174 I long for your salvation, O Lord, *
and your law is my delight.

175 Let me live, and I will praise you, *
and let your judgments help me.

176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; *
search for your servant,
for I do not forget your commandments.

Twenty-seventh Day: Morning Prayer

120 *Ad Dominum*

1 When I was in trouble, I called to the Lord; *
I called to the Lord, and he answered me.

2 Deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips *
and from the deceitful tongue.

3 What shall be done to you, and what more besides, *
O you deceitful tongue?

4 The sharpened arrows of a warrior, *
along with hot glowing coals.

5 How hateful it is that I must lodge in Meshech *
and dwell among the tents of Kedar!

6 Too long have I had to live; *
among the enemies of peace.

7 I am on the side of peace, *
but when I speak of it, they are for war.

121 *Levavi oculos*

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

122 *Laetatus sum*

1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

123 *Ad te levavi oculos meos*

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;

5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

6 Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

125 *Qui confidunt*

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the LORD stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land alloted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

Twenty-seventh Day: Evening Prayer

126 *In convertendo*

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."

4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

127 *Nisi Dominus*

1 Unless the LORD builds the house, *
their labor is in vain who build it.

2 Unless the LORD watches over the city, *
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; *
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

4 Children are a heritage from the LORD, *
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.

6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

128 *Beati omnes*

1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD, *
and who follow in his ways!

2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, *
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

4 The man who fears the Lord *
shall thus indeed be blessed.

5 The Lord bless you from Zion, *
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

6 May you live to see your children's children; *
may peace be upon Israel.

129 *Saepe expugnaverunt*

1 "Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth," *
let Israel now say;

2 "Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth, *
but they have not prevailed against me."

3 The plowmen plowed upon my back *
and made their furrows long.

4 The Lord, the Righteous One, *
has cut the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them be put to shame and thrown back, *
all those who are enemies of Zion.

6 Let them be like grass upon the housetops, *
which withers before it can be plucked;

7 Which does not fill the hand of the reaper, *
nor the bosom of him who binds the sheaves;

8 So that those who go by say not so much as,
"The Lord prosper you. *
We wish you well in the Name of the Lord."

130 *De profundis*

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

131 *Domine, non est*

1 O Lord, I am not proud; *
I have no haughty looks.

2 I do not occupy myself with great matters, *
or with things that are too hard for me.

3 But I still my soul and make it quiet,
like a child upon its mother's breast; *
my soul is quieted within me.

4 O Israel, wait upon the Lord, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Twenty-eighth Day: Morning Prayer

132 *Memento, Domine*

1 Lord, remember David, *
and all the hardships he endured;

2 How he swore an oath to the Lord *
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 "I will not come under the roof of my house," *
nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, *
nor let my eyelids slumber;

5 Until I find a place for the Lord, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; *
we found it in the fields of Jearim.

7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, *
you and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.

10 For your servant David's sake, *
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:

12 "A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; *
he has desired her for his habitation:

15 "This shall be my resting-place for ever; *
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

16 I will surely bless her provisions, *
and satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, *
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; *
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; *
but as for him, his crown will shine."

133 *Ecce, quam bonum!*

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

134 *Ecce nunc*

1 Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, *
you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; *
the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

135 *Laudate nomen*

1 Hallelujah !
Praise the Name of the LORD; *
give praise, you servants of the LORD,

2 You who stand in the house of the LORD, *
in the courts of the house of our God.

3 Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; *
sing praises to his Name, for it is lovely.

4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself *
and Israel for his own possession.

5 For I know that the LORD is great, *
and that our Lord is above all gods.

6 The LORD does whatever pleases him, in heaven and on earth, *
in the seas and all the deeps.

7 He brings up rain clouds from the ends of the earth; *
he sends out lightning with the rain,
and brings the winds out of his storehouse.

8 It was he who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, *
the firstborn both of man and beast.

9 He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, *
against Pharaoh and all his servants.

10 He overthrew many nations *
and put mighty kings to death:

11 Sihon, king of the Amorites,
and Og, the king of Bashan, *
and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

12 He gave their land to be an inheritance, *
an inheritance for Israel his people.

13 O Lord, your Name is everlasting; *
your renown, O Lord, endures from age to age.

14 For the Lord gives his people justice *
and shows compassion to his servants.

15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, *
the work of human hands.

16 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; *
eyes have they, but they cannot see.

17 They have ears, but they cannot hear; *
neither is there any breath in their mouth.

18 Those who make them are like them, *
and so are all who put their trust in them.

19 Bless the Lord, O house of Israel; *
O house of Aaron, bless the Lord.

20 Bless the Lord, O house of Levi; *
you who fear the Lord, bless the Lord.

21 Blessed be the Lord out of Zion, *
who dwells in Jerusalem.
Haullelujah!

Twenty-eighth Day: Evening Prayer

136 *Confitemini*

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

4 Who only does great wonders, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

6 Who spread out the earth upon the waters, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

7 Who created great lights, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

8 The sun to rule the day, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

9 The moon and the stars to govern the night, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

10 Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

11 And brought out Israel from among them, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

12 With a mighty hand and a stretched-out arm, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

13 Who divided the Red Sea in two, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

15 But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

16 Who led his people through the wilderness, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

17 Who struck down great kings, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

18 And slew mighty kings, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

20 And Og, the king of Bashan, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

21 And gave away their lands for an inheritance, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

22 An inheritance for Israel his servant, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

24 And delivered us from our enemies,
for his mercy endures for ever;

25 Who gives food to all creatures, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

137 *Super flumina*

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, *
when we remembered you, O Zion.

2 As for our harps, we hung them up *
on the trees in the midst of that land.

3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,
and our oppressors called for mirth: *
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

4 How shall we sing the LORD's song *
upon an alien soil.

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, *
let my right hand forget its skill.

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you, *
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD,
against the people of Edom, *
who said, "Down with it! down with it!
even to the ground!"

8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, *
happy the one who pays you back
for what you have done to us!

9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, *
and dashes them against the rock!

138 *Confitebor tibi*

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Twenty-ninth Day: Morning Prayer

139 *Domine, probasti*

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

18 Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O God! *
You that thirst for blood, depart from me.

19 They speak despitefully against you; *
your enemies take your Name in vain.

20 Do I not hate those, O LORD, who hate you? *
and do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

21 I hate them with a perfect hatred; *
they have become my own enemies.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

140 *Eripe me, Domine*

1 Deliver me, O LORD, from evildoers; *
protect me from the violent,

2 Who devise evil in their hearts *
and stir up strife all day long.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; *
adder's poison is under their lips.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; *
protect me from the violent,
who are determined to trip me up.

5 The proud have hidden a snare for me
and stretched out a net of cords; *
they have set traps for me along the path.

6 I have said to the LORD, "You are my God; *
listen, O LORD, to my supplication.

7 O LORD GOD, the strength of my salvation, *
you have covered my head in the day of battle.

8 Do not grant the desires of the wicked, O LORD, *
nor let their evil plans prosper.

9 Let not those who surround me lift up their heads; *
let the evil of their lips overwhelm them.

10 Let hot burning coals fall upon them; *
let them be cast into the mire, never to rise up again."

11 A slanderer shall not be established on the earth, *
and evil shall hunt down the lawless.

12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the poor *
and render justice to the needy.

13 Surely, the righteous will give thanks to your Name, *
and the upright shall continue in your sight.

Twenty-ninth Day: Evening Prayer

141 *Domine, clamavi*

1 O LORD, I call to you; come to me quickly; *
hear my voice when I cry to you.

2 Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, *
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips; *
let not my heart incline to any evil thing.

4 Let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers, *
nor eat of their choice foods.

5 Let the righteous smite me in friendly rebuke;
let not the oil of the unrighteous anoint my head; *
for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.

6 Let their rulers be overthrown in stony places, *
that they may know my words are true.

7 As when a plowman turns over the earth in furrows, *
let their bones be scattered at the mouth of the grave.

8 But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; *
in you I take refuge;
do not strip me of my life.

9 Protect me from the snare which they have laid for me *
and from the traps of the evildoers.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, *
while I myself escape.

142 *Voce mea ad Dominum*

1 I cry to the Lord with my voice; *
to the Lord I make loud supplication.

2 I pour out my complaint before him *
and tell him all my trouble.

3 When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; *
in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

4 I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; *
I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.

5 I cry out to you, O Lord; *
I say, "You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the living."

6 Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; *
save me from those who pursue me,
for they are too strong for me.

7 Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your Name; *
when you have dealt bountifully with me,
the righteous will gather around me.

143 *Domine, exaudi*

1 Lord, hear my prayer,
and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; *
answer me in your righteousness.

2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, *
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

3 For my enemy has sought my life;
he has crushed me to the ground; *
he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

4 My spirit faints within me; *
my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the time past;
I muse upon all your deeds; *
I consider the works of your hands.

6 I spread out my hands to you; *
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

7 O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; *
do not hide your face from me
or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,
for I put my trust in you; *
show me the road that I must walk,
for I lift up my soul to you.

9 Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, *
for I flee to you for refuge.

10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; *
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

11 Revive me, O Lord, for your Name's sake; *
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies
and bring all my foes to naught, *
for truly I am your servant.

Thirtieth Day: Morning Prayer

144 *Benedictus Dominus*

1 Blessed be the Lord my rock! *
who trains my hands to fight and my fingers to battle;

2 My help and my fortress, my stronghold and my
deliverer, *
my shield in whom I trust,
who subdues the peoples under me.

3 O Lord, what are we that you should care for us? *
mere mortals that you should think of us?

4 We are like a puff of wind; *
our days are like a passing shadow.

5 Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down; *
touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Hurl the lightning and scatter them; *
shoot out your arrows and rout them.

7 Stretch out your hand from on high; *
rescue me and deliver me from the great waters,
from the hand of foreign peoples,

8 Whose mouths speak deceitfully *
and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

9 O God, I will sing to you a new song; *
I will play to you on a ten-stringed lyre.

10 You give victory to kings *
and have rescued David your servant.

11 Rescue me from the hurtful sword *
and deliver me from the hand of foreign peoples,

12 Whose mouths speak deceitfully *
and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

13 May our sons be like plants well nurtured from their youth, *
and our daughters like sculptured corners of a palace.

14 May our barns be filled to overflowing with all manner of crops; *
may the flocks in our pastures increase by thousands and tens of thousands;
may our cattle be fat and sleek.

15 May there be no breaching of the walls, no going into exile, *
no wailing in the public squares.

16 Happy are the people of whom this is so! *
happy are the people whose God is the LORD!

145 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

146 *Lauda, anima mea*

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! *
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

Thirtieth Day: Evening Prayer

147 *Laudate Dominum*

1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

148 *Laudate Dominum*

1 Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

149 *Cantate Domino*

1 Hallelujah!
Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains *
  and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
  this is glory for all his faithful people.
  Hallelujah!

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1 Hallelujah!
Praise God in his holy temple; *
  praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; *
  praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
  praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
  praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
  praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath *
  praise the Lord.
  Hallelujah!